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HOOSIERS

Benton Central is more than a school. It's a community and especially, it's a part of Indiana—the Hoosier State.

We're Hoosiers here and usually we're proud of it. Indiana is at the heart of the heart of the country geographically and in terms of accomplishments. Hoosiers have done a lot and we are trying to continue that tradition.

Hoosiers have been political leaders. The Hoosier State did produce one president—William Henry Harrison—though he was president for only a month. We claim Abe Lincoln too.

*In arts and entertainment, Hoosiers have also excelled. **Late Night's** David Letterman started out as an Indianapolis weather man. Jane Pauley left I.U. to go to New York and the **Today Show**. Jim Davis from Muncie draws that fat cat—Garfield. Michael, Janet and the rest of the Jacksons from Gary sing one kind of music while John Cougar Mellencamp and Crystal*

Gayle sing another. Writers have been many, but from close to home, George Ade from Brook wrote 12 Broadway plays.

Hoosiers in business have included Orville Redenbacher and his popcorn empire, Charley O. Finley's Oakland A's, and Eli Lilly's pharmaceutical firm.

Our state has three major universities, the Speedway and Hoosier Hysteria. In sports, we've produced Oscar Robertson and Larry Bird in basketball, Bob Griese in football, Bobby Rahal and Pete Halsmer at the speedway, and then, of course, Ray Ewry—the "Human Frog"—who won 10 Olympic medals, more than anyone else.

Here at Benton Central in our corner of the state we too are producing leaders, scholars, athletes, entertainers, writers, and artists. We're Hoosiers now and we always will be. This is where it started. In Otterbein, in Oxford, in Boswell, in Fowler.

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Oxford, Indiana

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Otterbein

Otterbein and its area already has Hoosiers of accomplishment. Mark Brown has his pilot's license.

Rick Daulton is racing cars as well as tearing them up in demolition derbies.

Steve and Alicia Ade went to the Farm Bureau leadership seminars.

Brian Vorst is already a professional disc jockey and radio personality.

Neal Stepp draws cartoons.

Pam Charlesworth was our Homecoming Queen.

Bryan Buck and Kim Boehm were representatives to state leadership conferences.

In football, Mark Underwood made Academic All-State and Vince Coors was Channel 18's player of the week.

▲ *The beauty of the Grand Prairie opens up under a Western sunset.*

► *Mike Thurston, Kevin Eberle and Ty Emilson rock-hunt at High Bridge during a field trip for the new Earth Sciences course.*

► *Co-horts Kristen Sprowl and Heather Little love it up at a home game.*



Oxford

Oxford and area too have a pilot in Benji Knowles and a radio personality in Bryan Deno.

Super Star Girl Kathi Smith went to Hawaii.

Ben Hale brought us together with his cheers.

Tabi Meredith modeled in television commercials.

Joe Dixon was Ch. 18's player of the week.

Sandy Young is a flower arranger and commercial artist.

Leslie Hickman attended the Presidential Classroom.

◀ Brent Schmidt and Kathy Tabert jam at a dance after a home football game.

◀ The Lady Harriers express a spectrum of emotion after placing second at the Seeger Invitational.

▼ Four smiling Rhythmettes synchronize at half-time.

▼ The Dan Patch barn has been an Oxford landmark for years.



Fowler

From Fowler and area, Jason Crisp traveled to the National Olympic Training Center to Kayak while Susan Brouillette was our exchange student to Japan.

Fowler has its athletes. Mike Thurston was sectional, regional and conference champion in cross country.

In football, Eugene Balensiefer made All-State and Doug Schwartz made Academic All-State.

Sue Schirm was an All-American Cheerleader Nominee.

Josh Vaughan photographed Halley's comet. Spencer Geswein published a drawing in Dirt Wheels magazine.

Shannan Bauer skateboarded from here to many a tournament and back.

John Norenberg and Jack Bulington formed a dynamic duo of cheerleaders and crazy men.

Lori Beth Payne and Jami Berry attended the Presidential Classroom, while Jill Hasser as well as Lynette and Annette Burris went to leadership conferences sponsored by our U.S. senators.

Pat Glotzbach scored several perfects in the National Math Contest, going farther than anyone from BC ever had.

► Prince Valiant (aka Kevin Eberle) holds up a tree during Homecoming Week.

▼ Sophomore Karen Murray gives a tour of her class' winning homecoming decoration.



Boswell

Boswell and its area have been home to Bridget Sondergroth and her singing talent, Sheryl Klemme and her FFA speaking awards, and our Senior Class President Heather Little.

Shelley Gall was all-conference in volleyball.

Melva Pitts was Boswell's all-around entertainer.

Dave Harper was our Student Union President.

◀ *Robbie Sorenson, Tina Shelton, and Bryan Buck get serious for **Our Town**.*

◀ *Boswell, hub of the universe, hunkers down for another long winter.*

▼ *A Benton County farmer races the night to get the crop in.*



▲ *A boothfull of Bison ham it up for the cameraman.*

◀ *The Cheerleaders eat at Mickey D's after a boy's basketball victory at Delphi.*



STUDENT LIFE

*We've struggled through
the bad times,
When good times seemed so
rare,
When we found
the good times,
There were so many to share,
Through laughter and tears
pleasure and pain,
The good times are the ones,
The memories that remain.*





Caught In The Dark

The teacher's worst nightmare almost came true during the Homecoming Pep Session.

No one ever would have thought that the dark sky, strong winds and rain would stop the pep session; but just minutes after over 1200 students gathered for a fun-filled pep session, the lights flickered, and then went out.

With the lights out, the fear was that the students would go out of control.

snapped during the tug of war. A tight square knot fixed things up and the juniors went on to win this, their only event.

Each year brings a new event and this year's was the "Chubby Bunny Contest." The seniors also captured this event with the help of Ben Knowles, who stuffed 11 marshmallows in his mouth without chewing or swallowing. Then with difficulty, he uttered the words "Chubby

el of excitement were up, especially during half time when the candidates for Queen and Princess arrived on the field. After much anticipation, the crowd was treated to the coronation of Amy Illingworth, escorted by Jay Hardebeck, as Princess for 1986, and finally, Pam Charlesworth, escorted by Mike Charlesworth, as 1986 Bison Homecoming Queen.

The gala week closed with a dance after the game spon-

with toga was also amazing.

Tuesday was Fairy Tale Day. From Sesame Street as Bert and Ernie were Joe Deno and Kyle Shultz. An astonishing and beautiful Cinderella was Karla Everle, Mary Janssen was Cinderella the maid, Walt Disney's Dumbo the Flying Elephant was Barb Jenkins, and Heather Little invented the new Skating Smurf.

Was it Prom again? No, it was Wednesday—Dress Up

"The teacher's worst nightmare"

Nevertheless, with no lights and the microphone dead, Ms. Lamie quieted everyone down, and the pep session was under way.

Due to the darkness and lack of mats, the pyramids were deemed too dangerous.

The first event became the skits. The seniors sang and danced their way to victory with their Bison Shuffle.

The mishaps and foul-ups continued when the rope

Bunny".

In the darkness the sheets could not be paraded in front of the students. Instead, they were judged in front of the gym doors, where some light shone in from outside. The seniors picked up another first with their sheet, using "Bison and the Bean Stalk" as a theme.

Later that night, the Bison Gridders battled the McCutcheon Mavericks. Despite a loss, school spirit and the lev-

sored by The Student Union in the cafeteria.

These Friday night festivities had been built to by a week of colorful dress-up days.

Monday, students kicked off homecoming week with Toga Day as Benton Central took on the Roman form. "Julius Caesar" Eberle (Kevin Eberle) looked dashing in his sandals and toga. Missy Metzinger in her homemade leaf earrings and loral wreath

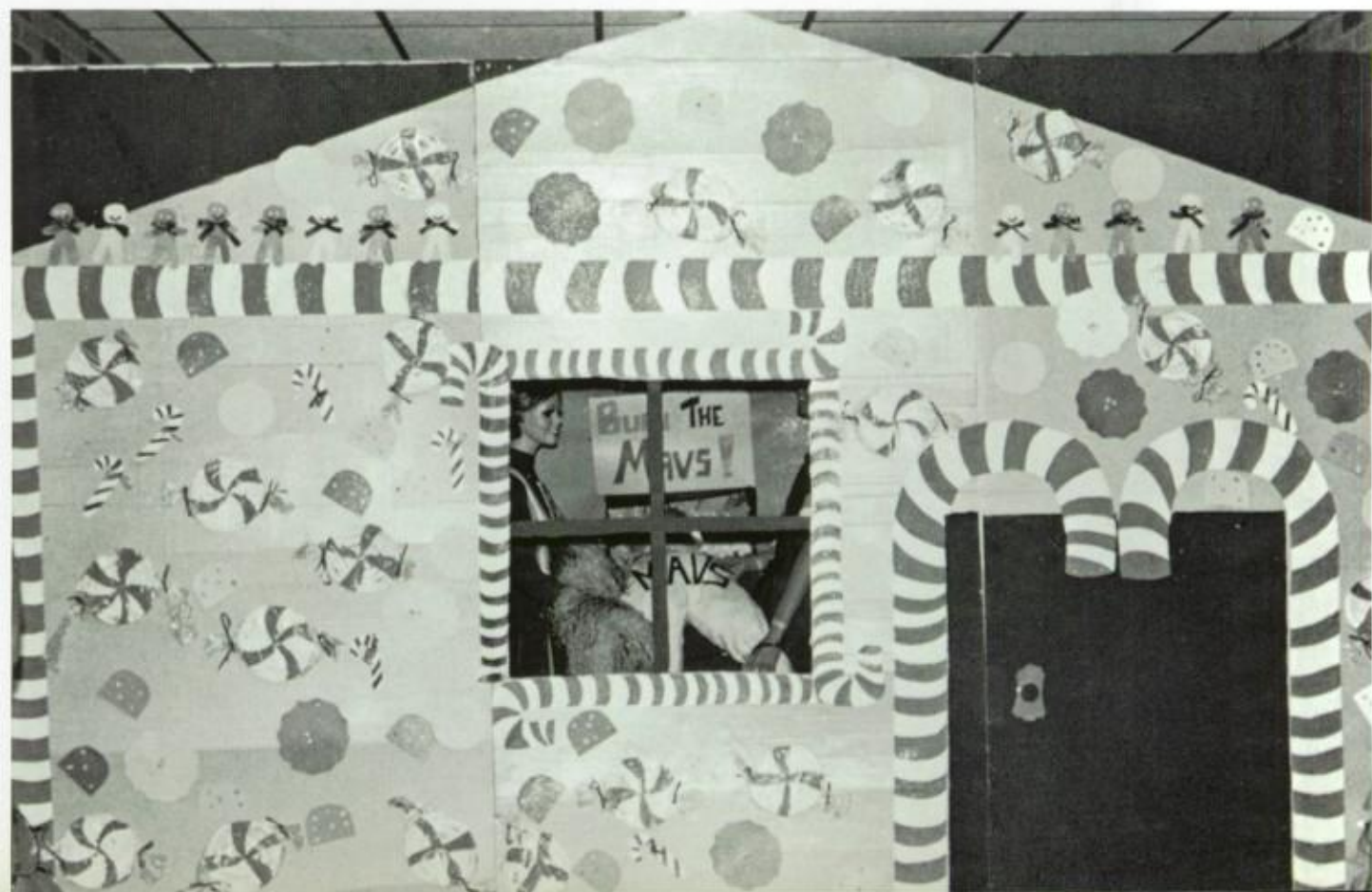
Day, with Theresa Baxter, Stephanie Fry and Mary Janssen in their prom dresses.

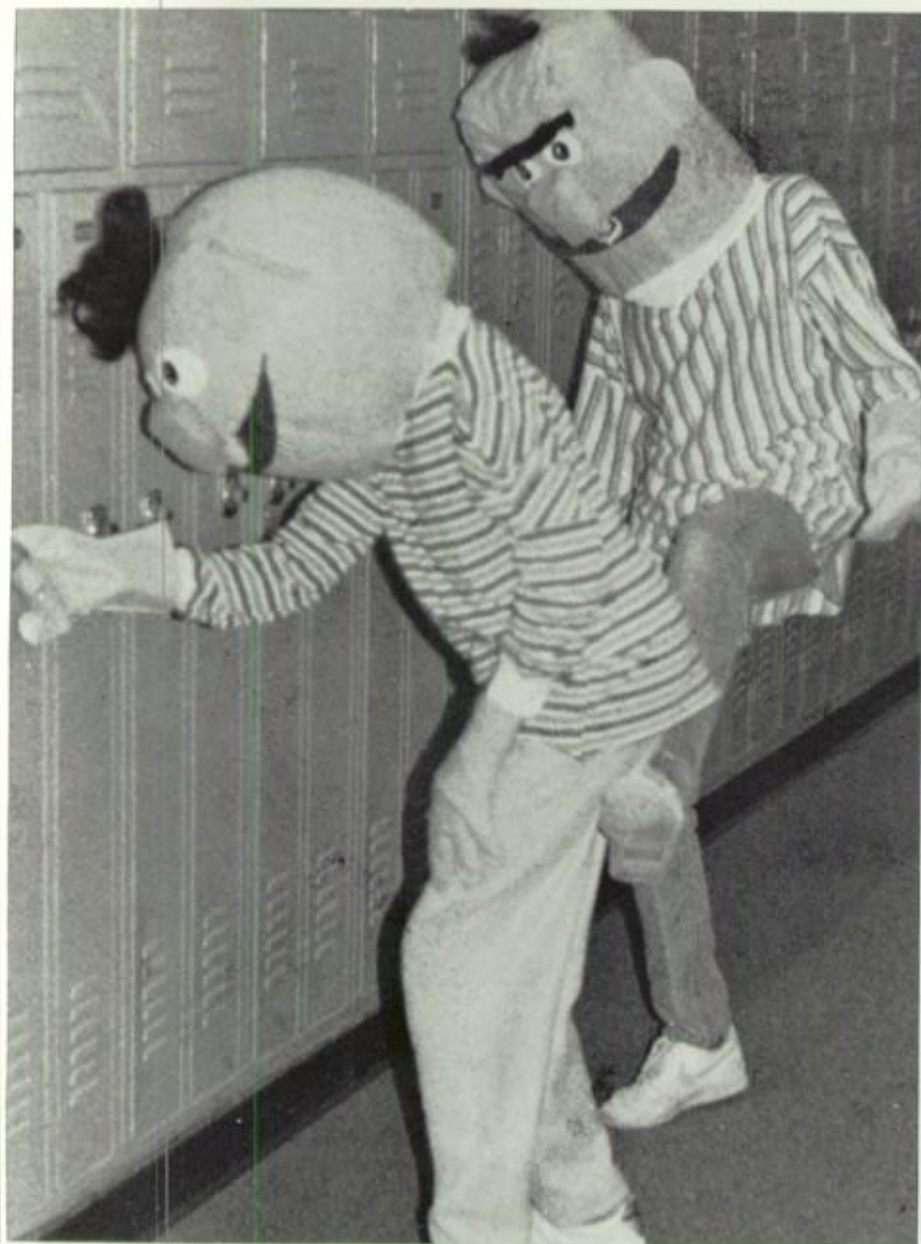
Thursday was the most popular day as almost everyone wore Jams, leis, grass skirts and sunglasses for Hawaiian Beach Bum Day.

Seniors led the traditional Green and Gold Day, Friday, with green and gold outfits, hair, and painted faces.

By Jennifer Deno

► The sophomores pull out a victory in the hallway competition with their Ginger Bread House.



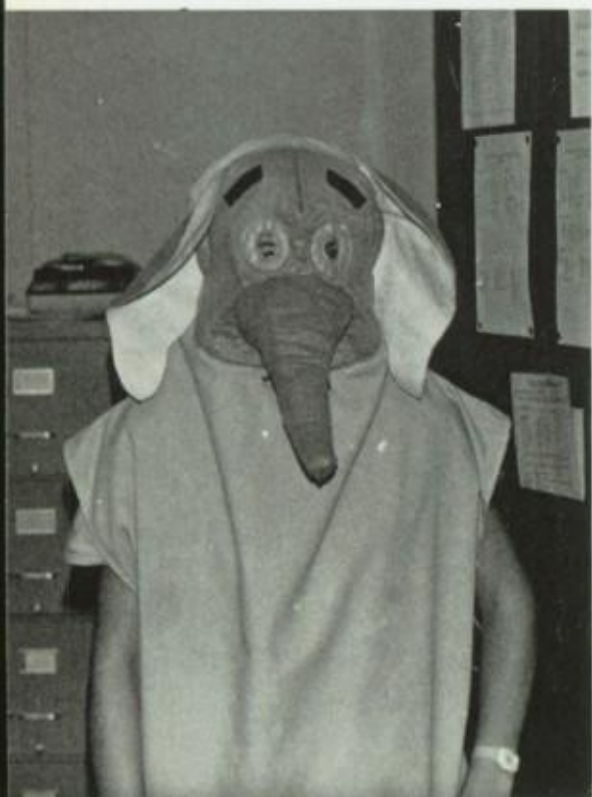


▼ Sue Schirm and Heather Little pose for the camera on Favorite Fairytale Character day.

◀ From Sesame Street to the halls of B.C. come Bert and Ernie, also known as Joe Deno and Kyle Shultz.



▼Seniors Heather Little, Kathy Tabert, and Stephanie Fry work on hall decorations.



▲Barb Jenkins highlights Fairytale Day as Dumbo.

►"We're #1", yell the Seniors after taking first place in Powder Puff.





◀Sally Gephart, Michelle DeWitt, and the unknown Sophomore help with decorating.

▼The 1986 Queen Court: (Front) Lisa Windler, Kathy Tabert, Sue Schirm, Pam Charlesworth, and Kendra Kult, (Back) Phil Hollis, Chris Senesac, Joe Burgett, Mike Charlesworth, and Roger Kult.

▼The 1986 Princess Court: (Front) Renee Burke, Amy Courtney, Amy Illingworth, Tonya Ladd, and Roxanne Merten, (Back) Joe Dixon, Joe Deno, Jay Hardebeck, Jamie Cackley, and Tim Doyle.



Homecoming Victories

Seniors:
Powderpuff,
Sheets, and
Chubby Bunny
Point Total—405

Juniors: Tug of War
Point Total—280

Sophomores: Hall
Decorations
Point Total—305

◀Seniors paint their winning sheet "Bison and the Beanstalk."

◀In sandled feet Kevin Eberle kicks off Toga Day.

1986 HOMECOMING QUEEN



PAM CHARLESWORTH

1986 HOMECOMING PRINCESS



AMY ILLINGWORTH

A Small Town's Love

The Senior High fall play took place in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire in 1901. This heart-warming drama was written by Thornton Wilder.

"Our actors did their parts well. It was something that the students wanted to do," said Mrs. McGuire, advisor and director.

BC's production used little scenery and few props with the actors relying instead on expressive gestures.

Act I opened with the stage manager, pipe in hand and hat on head, outlining the town's history.

Act II traces the love affair between George and Emily from high school to their wedding, a wedding nervously anticipated by their parents (played by Tereasa Fry, Ryan Logan, Tina Shelton and Robbie Sorenson) and their younger sisters (played by Joy Hardebeck and Amy Wolverton).

This was the way we were

The central role of stage manager was played by Tim Bisner who did a great job setting the scene and narrating in a soft, small-town New Hampshire accent.

The play's plot centered around a bittersweet love story. Grover's Corners' young lovers, George Gibbs and Emily Webb, were played convincingly by Bryan Buck and Jeanine Gresham.

"It was really challenging to act a role that is so much like life," revealed Jeanine.

Act III philosophized about life and death as young Emily dies tragically during childbirth. The curtain closed to loud ovations and good reviews.

"This is the way we were—in our growing up and in our marrying, and in our 'living, and in our dying'," wrote Thornton Wilder.

By Karen Murray and Jennifer Deno

► Tony Politz, as the alcoholic choir Director, makes us believe he is playing an organ.

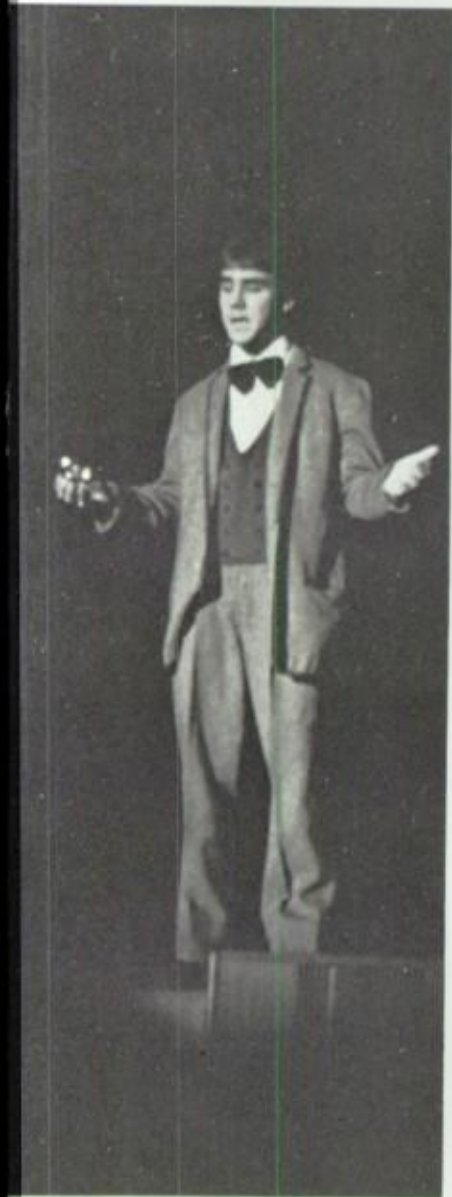
► In a flashback to their youth, George (Brian Buck) and Emily (Jeanine Gresham) realize what they mean to each other.





◀An innovative use of candlelight made the haunting graveyard scene in Act III believable.

◀Tim Bisner, as the stage manager, was natty in his 3-piece suit and relaxed in his New Hampshire accent.



"Our Town" Production Staff

Student Directors:

Jill Hasser, Roger Kult

Stage Manager:

Bob Atkinson

Assistant Stage Managers:

Brady Matson, Jason Crisp, Wayne Deno, Pat Doyle

Programs:

Shannon Metzinger, Jennifer Schanlaub, Leslie Senesac, Trina Smith

Tickets:

Nikki Rolan, Jennifer Romack

Props:

Michelle Duncan, Amy Morgan

Costumes:

Paula Hardebeck

Publicity:

Linda Davis, Loribeth Payne

Make-Up:

Alicia Ade, Kelly McLean, Melissa Metzinger

Ushers:

Nikki Roland



Thespian Troupe 1400
PROUDLY PRESENTS

OUR TOWN

A PLAY BY
THORNTON WILDER

November 20 7:30 P.M.
November 23 2:00 & 7:30 P.M.
\$3.00 Adults (\$2.50 presale)
\$2.00 Students (\$1.50 presale)
BENTON CENTRAL AUDITORIUM

Union Unites!

What is the first thing each homeroom does in the fall after they've checked out each other's clothes, compared the tans they received from detasseling and listened to WBCH's first program?

They elect their Student Union representative.

Then the Student Union meets as a group and elects their officers. This year's officers were: David Harper—

powder puff. A change this year was the entire student body voted for the five queen and princess candidates.

This year's Student Union raised some new issues. Bridget Sondgerath led the way in trying to loosen up the dress code to allow shorts in hot weather.

Changes for next year's Homecoming may include a

I'm glad that we have a Student Union . . .

President, Angel Hill—Vice President, Heather Little—Secretary, and Shelley Gall—Treasurer.

Although the Student Union was involved in many projects throughout the year, once again, their main focus was on Homecoming. The Student Union was responsible for getting corvettes to carry the queen and princess candidates. They also organized committees for competition, courts and

new system for byes in powder puff and changing from hall decorations to floats.

Finally, the constitution may now allow class officers besides the President and Representatives at Large into the Student Union. Concerning this Sondgerath said, "I'm glad that we can have Student Union but it is too bad more people can't be involved."

By Lori Wetli

▼Dawn Sarault calls on the Student Union to support Students against Drunk Driving.



▲The 1987 Student Union.

►The Student Union Officers: (Top to Bottom) David Harper, Angel Hill, Heather Little and Shelley Gall.



F C A-the big picture

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at BC showed once again that kids can share positive goals and feel closer to Christ and at the same time have a fun, even wild, time!

The FCA's national purpose is "to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in

doing positive things at BC." This core group of leaders met Tuesday mornings and Thursday after school at 5:30. FCA also gave bibles to every senior at graduation to help guide them in their future.

FCA also worked with the Students Against Drunk Driving to provide substance abuse counseling at David Toma's visit. In addition, FCA organized a series on alcoholism during homecoming.

... good Christian kids doing positive things ...

their relationships and in the Fellowship of the church." To be in FCA you don't have to be an athlete.

As Mr. Beresford, FCA sponsor, puts it, "This year FCA tried to establish a group of good Christian kids

But FCA isn't just serious. On Valentine's Day, they sponsored a semi-formal dance under the theme "Love of Another Kind". In the fall, the auditorium rocked to the group Myron LeFever and Broken Heart.



◀Mr. Beresford gets big applause for a tune.

▼Scott Deno and Lynn Shelton receive the honor of being chosen as Sweetheart King and Queen.

▼The reason behind FCA.

Officers
President
 Mike Thurston
Vice President
 Tina Shelton
Secretary
 Jill Hasser
Treasurer
 Barbi Johnson
Social Chairman
 Janine Gresham



Cast Serves Dinner

A mummy case? What kind of man would receive a gift like that? Or a crate of penguins, or an octopus? Sheridan Whiteside, Bryan Buck, is the guest the Stanleys can't get rid of in "The Man Who Came To Dinner," directed by Lou Korty and Larry Pierce.

The fun of the play is that the authors imagined a situation in which a nice, middle class American family gets stuck with Sheridan Whiteside as a semi-permanent

The man brings in a menagerie of guests, famous actors, radio engineers, convicts, and animals sent to him as gifts from admirers all over. Two crazy co-conspirators of Whiteside are entertainment personalities played by Roger Kult and Tim Bisner, who have flocked to the side of the master of insults in his illness. Jeanine Gresham appears as a self-possessed Lorraine, a parody of the film diva of the 1930's, Gloria Swanson.

I think the students did very well. I was very pleased with the production.

guest. This piece of raillery tells of the frustrations and furies felt by the Stanleys, (Bryan Deno and Tina Shelton), who once led a nice, peaceful life in a small town in Ohio, until they invited touring celebrity Whiteside to dinner. But he not only came to dinner, he stayed! He fell on their porch step when leaving, broke his hip, and was told by doctors he couldn't be moved for weeks.

"I think the students did very well," commented director, Larry Pierce, "I was very pleased with the production."

(Special Thanks to Mr. Pierce and Mr. Korty for the great press releases on which this copy greatly relied.)

By Karen Murray and
Jennifer Deno.

▲Jeanine Gresham offers Michelle Carter a little false pity.

►Amy Wolverton shows Bryan Buck pictures of her dead parents, not admitting that she killed them.





▲As Mr. Whiteside enters after being cooped up, friends and neighbors gasp at the Stanley's famous guest.

▲Before going on, the actors get made up.

◀Roger Kult, shuts the lid on Jeanine Gresham.

Crew Heads

Publicity
Amy Courtney
Tickets
Kristi Illingworth
Stage Manager
Wayne Deno
Set Props
Amy Morgan
Hand Props
Lynn Booher
House Manager
Karla Eberle
Costumes
Paula Hardebeck
Make-Up
Cassie Miller
Christy Pittstick
Business Manager
Lynn Shelton

The "Best of Times"

The "Best of Times" were shared by many at the 1987 Junior-Senior Prom. The Junior class dedicated the prom to the seniors on the night of May 2, 1987.

Many months of planning and preparations went into the prom. The prom was held at the YWCA, a change from the past years. Another big change was from a band to a disc jockey. The disc jockey came prepared with a light show and two big screen televisions that projected music videos and tapes of the students as they were dancing.

The decorations created a city atmosphere. The refreshments room was a city square with a sidewalk leading across the room and under a trellis. A gazebo enhanced the city square. Leading onto the dance floor was an archway covered with silver. The silhouettes gave the illusion of looking into a nearby building. For one night, we had a taste of the big city life.

The evening came to its climax when Suzanne Etter gave her crown to Shelley Gall as prom queen and Mike Souligne turned over his title

... we're glad to see it turn out a great success.

as prom king to Greg Jones. Krista Kirkham was crowned prom princess by Kristen Sprowl and Jack Phillips became prom prince. The King and Queen, and Prince and Princess danced their coronation dance to the "Best of Times".

The evening quickly came to a close as the final dance was shared and the "Best of Times" were had by all.

Another change from past years came at the after-prom.

It was a breakfast held at the Elks Country Club. During the breakfast a video tape of the night's festivities was shown and numerous door prizes were given away.

After months of meetings, fund-raisers, and planning this year's Juniors had pulled off their prom and could now look forward to next year when they could relax and be the guests.

By Nancy Brost



▲ 1987 Prom King and Queen candidates anxiously await the big moment.

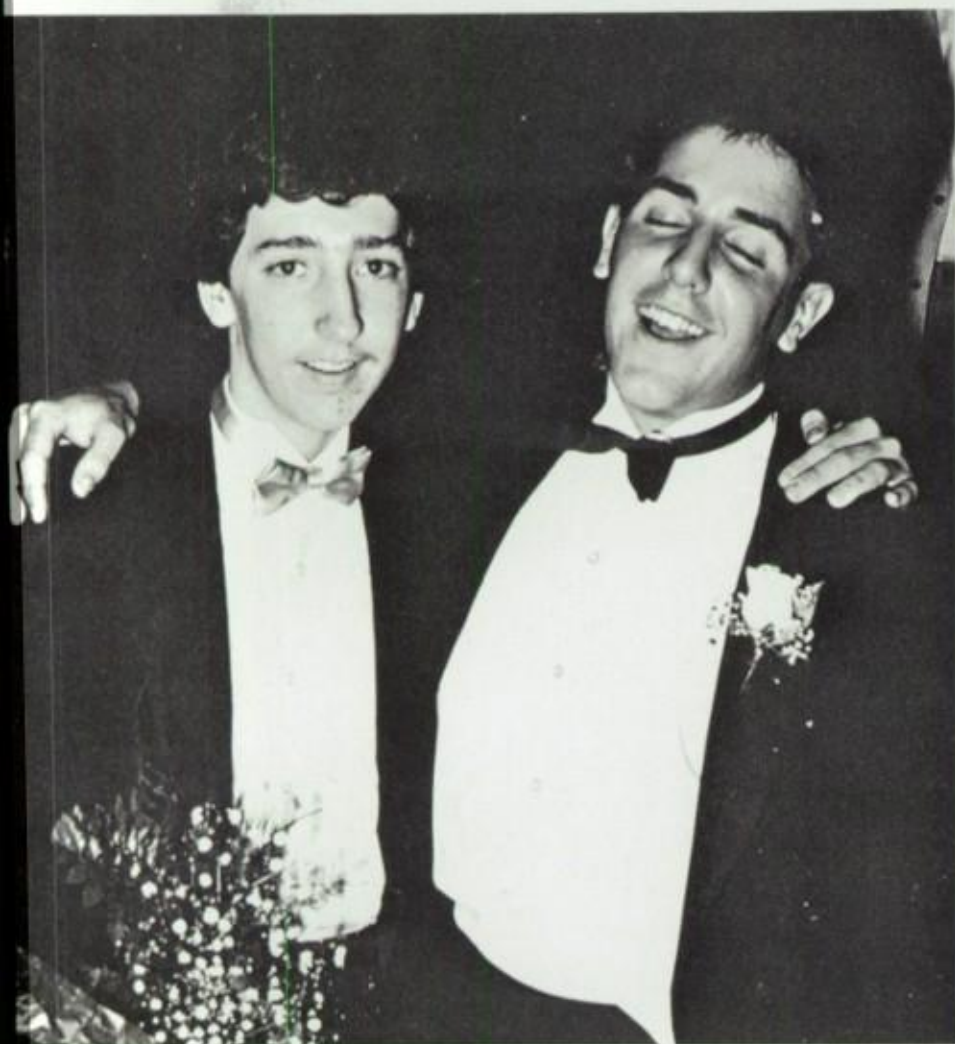
▲ Junior Dawn Sarault works on the gazebo the morning of the prom.

► Some Prom-goers take time out for a quick photo.





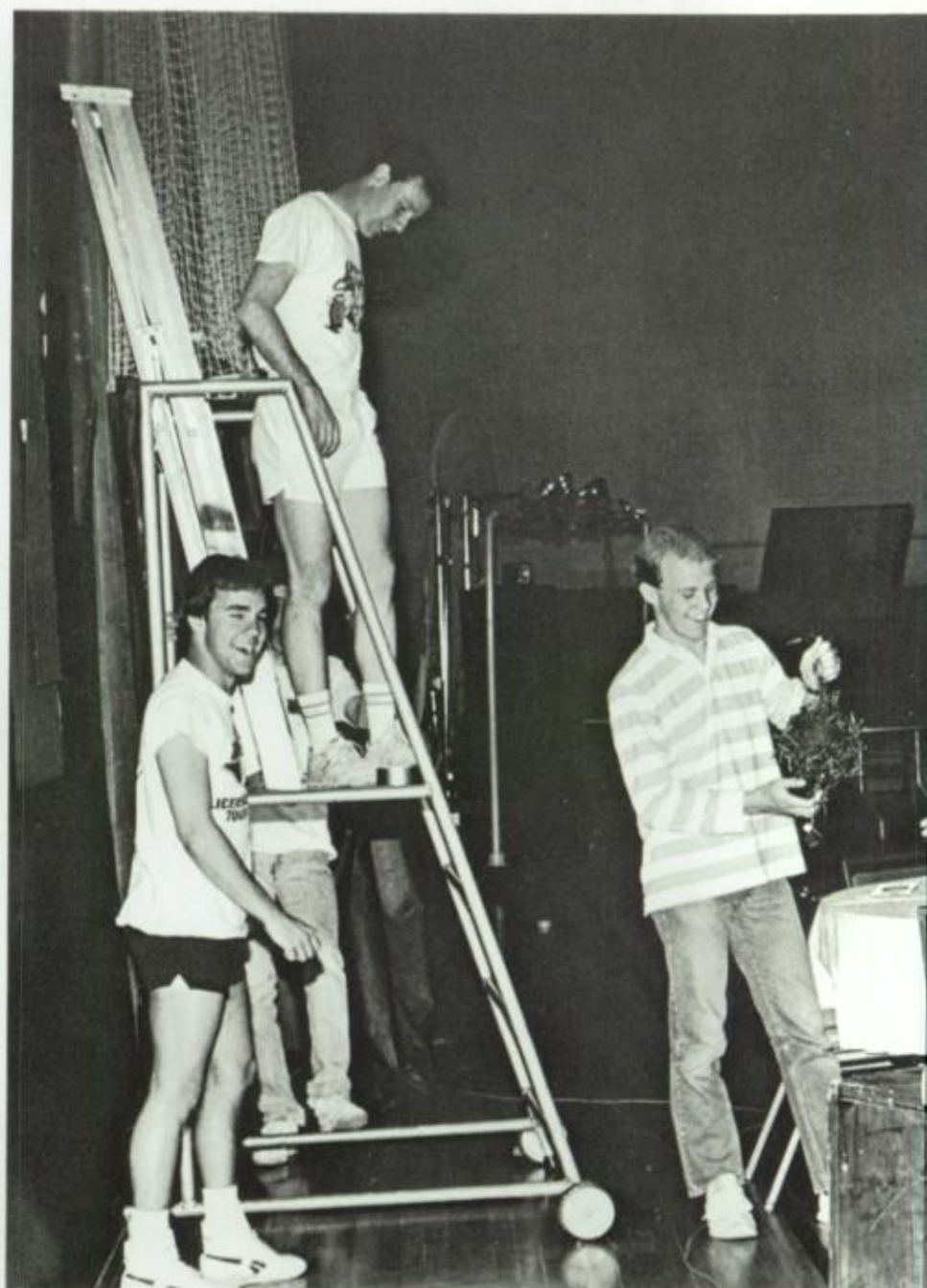
*The Junior Class
of
Benton Central High School
requests the pleasure of your company
at the
Junior-Senior Prom
on Saturday, the second of May
Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven
at nine o'clock in the evening
at the Y. W. C. A. in Lafayette, Indiana*



▲ Greg Jones and Shelly Gall were all smiles after the announcements of Prom King and Queen.

◀ Last year's Prom Prince, Dave Harper, gave his title to Jack Phillips.

▲ The gazebo was a big attraction in the refreshments room.



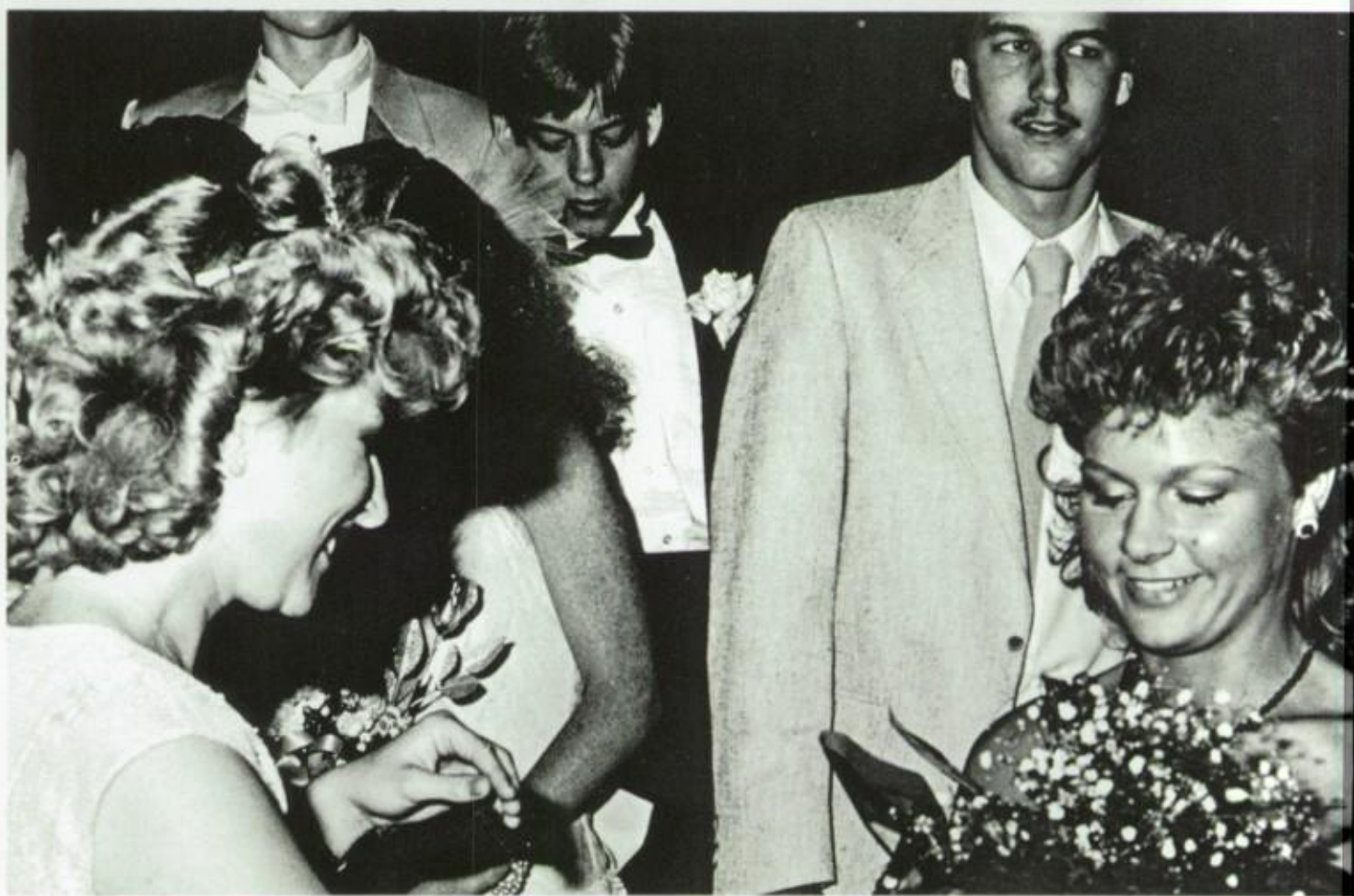
▲Smiles were not hard to find at this year's prom.

▲1987 Prom Prince and Princess candidates anxiously await the big moment.

▲Juniors, Bryan Buck and Tim Bisner, and class sponsor, Mr. McKinney, share a laugh while they decorated.

▲Paula Hardebeck and Bryan Vorst helped get things ready for the big evening.

▶Shelley Gall received a bouquet of flowers for being named Prom Queen.





▲ Krista Kirkham and Jack Phillips were all smiles during the coronation dance.

▲ Sophomores, Jeanie Tabert, Susan Wilson, and Carrie Pluimer, helped with refreshments during the Prom.

▲ Good times were shared by many at the Prom.

◀ Some Prom guests take time for a casual pose.

▲ The camera man video taped our 1987 Jr.-Sr. Prom.

FFA Plows Ahead

The Future Farmers of America hiked up the hill of success even farther this year being outstanding in the district awards, soil judging, meats judging, and livestock judging.

The National FFA Convention was held in November at Kansas City, Missouri. Attending were Alan Deno, Cheryl Weigle, Kathy Taylor, Michelle Perkins, Cindy Scherer, and Bryan Whistler.

The convention lasted for 3 days, and then the Bison FFA members headed home. Unfortunately, they did not make it home as soon as they had anticipated. While in route the school's van broke down, and the FFA members spent the night at a hotel.

The 14th Annual Machinery Auction, which is the largest in northwestern Indiana, took place March 28 in the BC parking lot. Farm

We had no idea she would be chosen.

equipment, lawn and garden equipment, and building materials were sold.

Five Benton Central FFA members were successful in their pursuit of district proficiency awards in contests held at Trafalgar in February. First place finishers included Sheryl Klemme, Floriculture; Sandy Herre, Swine, and Fruit and Vegetables; Ricky Geswein, Placement in Ag. Production; and Neil Groen, Feed Grains. Mike Perkins and Sandy Herre were awarded their Hoosier Farmer Degrees also.

▲The outstanding meats judging team takes time out before practice for a picture.

►1986-87 FFA Officers. President, Mike Perkins; Vice President (1), Bryan Whistler; (2), Sheryl Klemme; (3), Kathy Taylor; Secretary, Sandy Herre; Treasurer, Michelle Perkins; Reporter, Cindy Scherer; Sentinel, Deb Schwartz; Historian, Lee Hall; Photographer, Sheri Anderson; and Attendance Officer, Neil Groen.

Herre was selected Star Farmer for District IV, which includes Boone, Montgomery, Fountain, Warren, Tippecanoe, and Benton counties. Sandy was chosen for this honor on the basis of her high Hoosier Farmer Degree application scores. She was recognized at the state FFA convention in June at Purdue University. "We were very happy, she really deserved it for all the hard work she had done. We had no idea she would be chosen," commented Mr. Whistler.

By Jennifer Deno

District IV
Star Farmer
Sandy Herre

"We were elated; very happy that she made it," said Mr. Whistler.



FHA Centers on Family

Future Homemakers of America was a vocational student organization functioning in part with Home Economics. The club operated within the school, providing youth—planned and youth—directed activities that can be extended beyond the classroom to enrich learning.

FHA provides opportunities at national, state, and local levels to develop leadership skills. FHA is the only student organization that has the family as its central focus.

Each year, fall and spring district meetings are held. The spring meeting was held in February here at Benton Central. The community in-

They adopted a grandparent.

volvement committee talked about how to meet youth problems, such as drugs and alcohol.

At the beginning of April, the FHA members traveled to Lafayette to the Sugar Plum Shop to watch how candy was made and also to see craft demonstrations.

Earlier in the year, they also went to the Otterbein nursing home. While there, they played bingo with the elderly, and cookies and punch were served.

"They adopted a grandparent," said Mrs. Mary Jo Laugheed, advisor. "They worked hard and accomplished as much as they could being such a small group."

Anyone who has had any kind of home economics class, seventh through twelfth, can join Future Homemakers of America, which meets twice a month.

By Jennifer Deno
and Sally Gephart

President
Melissa Fording
Secretary
Alicia Patton
Treasurer
Cheryl Flynn
Public Relations
Michelle Sharp
Members:
Connie Davis
Patricia Fording
Sherry Neff

▲President Melissa Fording, visits with her "adopted" grandfather.

◀Michelle Sharp plays bingo with the elderly at the Otterbein nursing home.



NHS Works and Plays

National Honor Society closed another year of fun and service with the annual induction banquet in the spring.

Scholarship, leadership, service, and character are the four essential qualities for becoming a National Honor Society member. To be a member you must have all four qualities, be a junior or

NHS also put a party on for the Special Ed. students.

In the fall, NHS sponsored a student exchange allowed BC students to meet students from Rensselaer, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Frontier and Harrison.

On April 6, 1987, seven seniors and twenty-six juniors were inducted. A banquet and formal ceremony

They have been a fun group to work with . . .

senior and have a grade point average of 9.3 or better.

First and second semester, the NHS was active in various activities. Members ran a coat check at both girls and boys basketball games. The NHS put on a semi-formal dance, ran a coat check at the Senasac Appreciation Dinner, and organized a leadership conference for officers of student organizations.

► Seniors Annette Burris, Kathy Scheurich, and Lynette Burris received most valuable person awards at NHS banquet.

▲ 1986-87 NHS group shot: (top to bottom) Mark Underwood, Curt Puetz, Steve Schroeder, Glenn Hardeback, Denny Glotzbach, Pat Glotzbach, Doug Schwartz, Tim Doyle, Angel Hill, Kelly McKlean, Pam Charlesworth, Ann Sondegroth, Sue Schirm, Amy Wetli, Beth Mailloux, Lori Senesac, Jami Berry, Leslie Hickman.

were held. Mr. Bob Truitt, who has his own small business, was the guest speaker and had encouraging words for the students about motivation.

"They have been a fun group to work with and have distinguished themselves by working very hard on their projects," said Mr. Kozloski, the organization's advisor.

by: Karen Murray





◀ Senior Lynette Burris, hugs Mr. Kozloski in an exciting moment at the banquet.

◀ NHS officers Angel Hill, Tim Doyle, Doug Schwartz, and Amy Wetli.

▼ Senior Jami Berry dances with her father at the NHS Semi-Formal Dance.



Officers

President
Angel Hill

Vice President
Tim Doyle

Secretary
Amy Wetli

Treasurer
Doug Schwartz



Wake up with WBCH

Radio was a volunteer activity sponsored by Mr. McKinney, not a club. There were six participating DJ's—Roger Kult, Bryan Deno, Eugene Balensiefer, John Norenberg, and Scott Schroeder. Each DJ had his own day of the week to broadcast on the air.

Mr. McKinney said his goal is to get more students involved in the program. A future goal is to make Radio a

with the slogan.

The radio station took song requests throughout the year for their programs. They also announced birthdays and special messages received through their request box located in the library.

Earlier this year one might have heard a program on the air called "Things Happen," selected by Bryan Deno, which told about activities that had happened around



The Best for the Best.

class credit.

Before a program was aired it was written in a log book and turned in to the advisor, Mr. McKinney to be edited. He would take out songs, messages, or requests that were not appropriate for broadcast.

Each year a slogan is chosen to help name the radio program. This year's theme was "The Best For The Best". The DJ's opened each day

While playing with the knobs, Scott Schroeder gives his rap every Friday morning.

WBCH Radio crew; Bryan Deno, John Norenberg, Eugene Balensiefer, Scott Schroeder, Roger Kult, Brian Vorst, and Advisor Mr. McKinney.

Good Morning! This is Roger Kult on WBCH—"The Best For The Best."

the school. The program was later taken off the air due to lack of information. "The program was taken off because our DJ's didn't have the time to get the information," stated Mr. McKinney.

The radio station's programs were aired every day from 8:00 to 8:25 in the morning.

"It was a good hobby for the DJ's," commented Mr. McKinney.

By Sally Gephart and Jennifer Deno

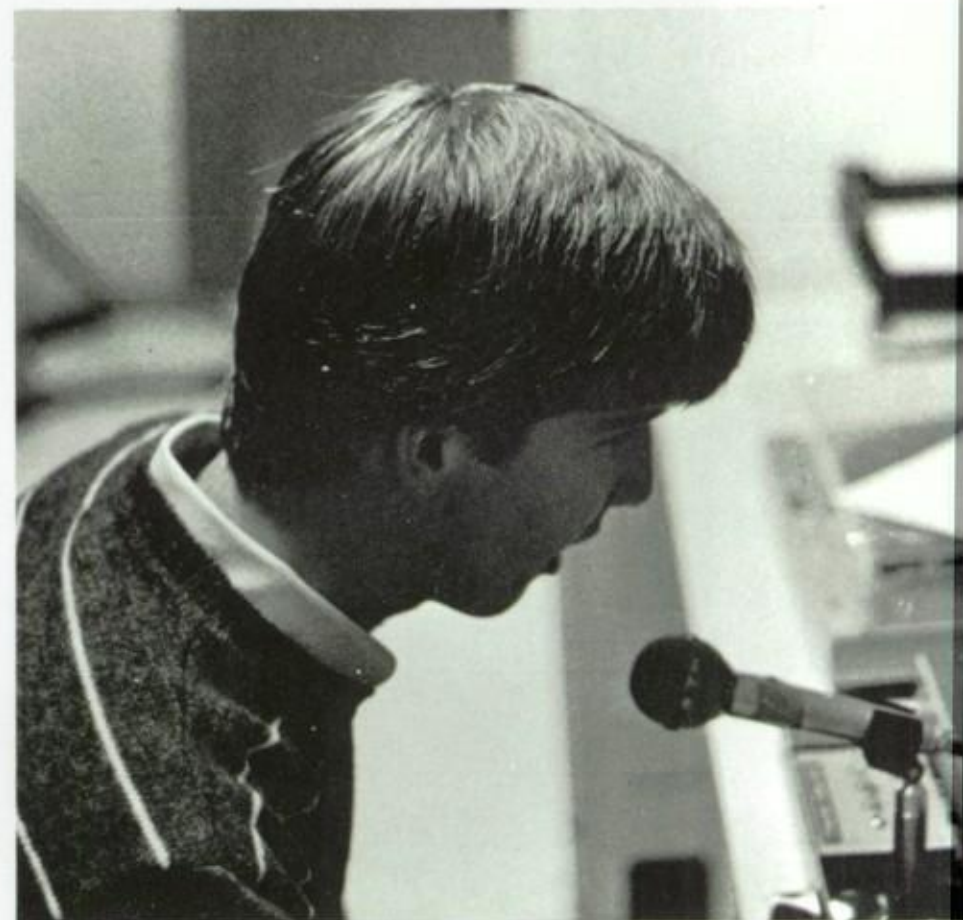
Monday;
Roger Kult

Tuesday;
Bryan Deno

Wednesday;
Brian Vorst

Thursday;
Eugene Balensiefer
John Norenberg

Friday;
Scott Schroeder



Beat The Clock

In the chess tourney at Twin Lakes, a field of 22 contained most of the top ten finishers at last year's state meet. The B.C. "A" Team of Bud Clouse, Terry Scherer, Harold Hardebeck, and Ty Emilson finished second. The team had three and a half of four match points. Hardebeck and Eberle had a perfect play going 4-0 to win board trophies.

At state, which was held at Pendleton, Terry Scherer, Karla Eberle, Scott Wolford, and Ty Emilson won 3 of 4 matches, losing only to Twin Lakes the first place team. The team finished fifth in a field of 32.

Harold Hardebeck and Kevin Eberle attended the Chicago Midwest Open to carry their team to a win in the class "D" division. "It was the

"We need more support."

toughest competition we've ever had to play, but we did real well," said Kevin Eberle. Each member of the four person team received a chess clock.

In late April, Mary Janssen, Bud Clouse, Harold Hardebeck, Karla Eberle, Terry Scherer, Scott Gobel, Kevin Eberle, Wayne Deno, and Ty Emilson made up three teams for the National High School

Chess Championships held in Pulaski, Virginia, that lasted for a total of three days.

Although the team did very well, they felt isolated. When asked what Kevin Eberle thought of the program as a whole, "We need more support!" was his comment.

by Jennifer Deno
Sally Gephart



◀Harold Hardebeck and Kevin Eberle are proud of the trophy they just won.

◀Is this a good move?

▲Another point for me, thinks Pat Bixler; while Scott Gobel decides on another move.

Computers Are New Wave

OEA (Office Education Association) is an organization that provides students with opportunities to set career goals in the clerical field.

The group started off early in the year with a Leadership Camp that was held at the FFA Center in Trafalgar, IN on September 20-21. All leaders were invited in order to learn skills that they would need in the field. They

learned through two days of mock meetings and classes.

This year the competitions OEA has been involved in have put more emphasis on computers and word processing. The BC chapter competed in the District Leadership Conference on Saturday, February 14 at Crawfordsville High School. Twelve members received the Diplomat Award. There

were contest winners in the area of Information Specialist I, Shorthand Transcription, Office Support, Job Interview II, Medical Applications and Computerized Accounting. State Leadership Competition qualifiers participated in areas such as Prepared Verbal I, Financial Specialist, Computerized Accounting, Computerized Specialist I, Computer Aids Graphics

... more emphasis on computers and word processing.

Team, Office Support, and Emblem Building Team.

The girls carried around a sales kit in the fall full of goodies such as knick knacks and office supplies sold along with candy bars to raise money to attend Nationals.

The BC chapter went to State Competition which was held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis the first weekend of Spring Break. The

Computer Graphics Team placed 4th and their scrapbook took 5th. Thirteen people came home with the Stateman Award, which is the State level of the Ambassador Award. The Ambassador Award is one of the biggest honors to be received given to those who show personal involvement in many groups. This year, eleven people received this award where be-

fore only five had.

The National Competition was held in Des Moines, Iowa on May 6-8. Eight seniors attended this competition.

By Becky Geswein

OEA Officers

—President—
Joy Hardebeck

—Vice President—
Amy Wetli

—Secretary—
Beth Sturgeon

—Treasurer—
Lori Senesac

—Historian—
Charlotte Boudreau

► Mrs. Mellette and Mrs. Halladay take a rest.

► The 1986-87 OEA Chapter.



DECA Makes Big Bucks And Travels Far

This was a busy year for DECA members. They held their 3rd annual trade fair to help finance their trips to the National Conference and State Competition. Twenty-nine businesses showed up and six others sent donations. The organizing committee consisted of co-chair-

men Stephanie Fry, Chris Skoog, Karen Daily, and Renee Burke with six other DECA members helping out. The night turned out very well. "I feel the whole night has been really successful this year," stated Mrs. Johnson. "Moving it from January to November has been help-

ful." The annual Chicken Dinner and Basketball Preview helped pull in many people from Benton County.

BC came home with sixteen individual awards from the McCutcheon Invitational held in October. Twenty-five of twenty-seven attendees giving them a trophy for

having the highest percentage of members attending. They also received a third-place for their number of individual winners and a \$50 door prize.

The group went to District Conference on January 31. Five juniors and all seniors went to the State Competi-

... the whole night has been really successful ...

tion that was held on February 27 thru March 1 in Indianapolis. No one won at State, but they learned a lot and met many people.

National DECA week was February 9-13 in which many activities were held. The students sold candy bars all week for \$.50 and raised \$400. During that week, they

had three guest speakers in their class who spoke about such topics as job interviewing, starting a retail business, and the importance of selling.

The Senior Breakfast was held on February 10 and was sponsored by the Marketing Education Advisory Board.

The members invited their

employers to a banquet on April 2 at the Beef House.

The BC chapter held a Rock-a-thon with Lafayette Jeff at the Tippecanoe Mall on April 24. They raised money for the American Heart Association.

The members received their awards for their outstanding effort throughout

the year at a banquet held at the Oaks in West Lafayette on Thursday, May 14.

By Becky Geswein



◀The DECA Chapter for 1986-87.

▲Juniors Cheryl Balensiefer and Kassey Brost pose behind a Trade Fair exhibit.

Underdogs Win!

Upsets in two of the three championship games made this year's intramural basketball season one of the most exciting ever.

The winners of the A league were the Swishers with a 37-35 over the regular season leaders, the Force. The Force was led by Curt Puetz with eleven points while Steve Etter led the victorious Swishers with nine points.

The Convicts won the B league game over the Squids

by the score of 35-32 as Mark oliphant calmly sank three free throws in the closing seconds to preserve the victory.

Then the All-Star team tackled the faculty with the All-Stars coming out on top, winning by ten. Scott Schroeder and Brent Schmidt were high scorers with ten points each. Mr. Beresford was the high scorer for faculty with twenty-five points.

The girls intramural bas-

... we wanted to win badly ...

ketball program was also quite exciting as another undefeated team was beaten. In the final game of the evening the Whammies knocked off the favored Babes by a score of 28-21. Leading the Babes was Carol Dwenger with twelve points while Michelle DeWitt had eleven points for the victorious Whammies.

This year's intramural softball program included a freshman class team for the first time because of lack of

participation by upperclassmen. The two remaining teams were made up of a variety of upperclassmen. Two captains were chosen for each of the teams. The Pros II were the winning team for the season. Mr. Kozloski would like to have at least an eight team league enabling them to have awards as they do with the intramural basketball and volleyball programs.

By Lori Wetli

▲Jumping sky high, seniors Jay Dixon and Curt Puetz reach for the basketball at the intramural game.

►The Whammies, excited about winning the championship game.





◀The victorious Swishers still have energy to hold their trophies for a photo shot.

▼Senior Aaron Fisher concentrates on bringing the ball down the floor.

▼The Convicts, posing with their trophies as winners of the final game.

1987 Intramural
Basketball
Champions

A League
Swishers

B League
Convicts

Girls League

Whammies



Blitz Win Overall

This year's intramural volleyball started off with seventeen tough teams. The A league had 8 teams and the B league had 9 teams. Each team consisted of a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 10 players. A forfeit occurred when a team showed up with fewer than 2 players of either sex.

Although still a part of one of the largest and most successful intramural programs in the state, this year's league had fewer teams than in the past because Benton Central has the smallest student body that it has ever had.

plaining from students about refereeing of the games. The volleyball went more smoothly this year than basketball.

In the championship games the What defeated the Jam two games to zero by scores by 15-9 and 15-12 to become the champions from the "B" league. In the second match the Blitz rallied to overcome the Scags two games to one, losing the first game 13-15 and winning the last two games 15-7 and 15-4. In the final match of the evening in the battle of the champions, the Blitz defeat-

... more relaxed and less win-it-all-costs

...

Toward the end of the season the schedule was changed from two nights a week to one night a week. The reason for this was that for the first time Mr. Kozloski and Mr. Elkins were able to have the equipment for double courts. Most of the students found this confusing as Mr. Kozloski and Mr. Elkins stood back-to-back in the middle and tended to socialize instead of refereeing. From the standpoint of the sponsors, however, the double court method allowed them both to supervise.

There was also less com-

ed the What two games to zero by scores of 15-4 and 15-3 to become the overall intramural champions of volleyball.

"I would like to see the teams made up of people of different spring sports so that so many forfeits wouldn't occur. Also the atmosphere during the playing was much more relaxed and less win-it-all-costs which made it a much more pleasant season for Mr. Elkins and myself," commented Mr. Kozloski.

By: Lori Wetli

▲Senior Curt Puetz slams the volleyball as Claudia Kierok watches.

►The What pose for an exciting B league championship picture.





1987
Volleyball Champions:
The Blitz:
Joe Dixon
Renee Burke
Sean Reynolds
Benji Knowles
Dan Coffman
Mike Anderson
Shauna Fergason
Amy Courtney
Kyle Shoults

▲ In a blurr of excitement senior Joe Dixon goes up for a spike.

◀ Ladies and Gentlemen! presenting the 1987 champions; *The Blitz*.

SPORTS

Pushing it to the limit
with pride we Bison
will win it.

Another competition
is at its peak

No one can put us down
For we proudly
wear the crown

Of the mighty
not the meak.





A Sectional Win!

The Bison won their first sectional game ever when they came from behind three times to beat Hammond Clark.

Out-standing defensive back Vince Coors snatched three interceptions against a tough, top state-ranked tight end from H.C. "If you didn't go to that game you missed the best played football game in the area," said All-State teammate Eugene Balensiefer.

but we were really at our best. It was good to see us come back after we had lost five in a row," said second year coach Mitch Terpstra.

Award winners this year were led by senior captains Eugene Balensiefer, Vince Coors, and Mark Underwood.

Mark Underwood took home Academic All-State, Mental Attitude, Outstanding Offensive Lineman, and All-Conference awards.

When we played like a team, we won.

The season produced some excellent individual efforts including Mike Kidwell with 241 yards receiving, Mike Schwartz with 561 yards passing, and Robbie McIntyre with 190 yards rushing, "That's the way we played most of our games—individually, but when we played like a team we won," continued Balensiefer.

Earlier against Lowell, the Bison shook 'em down 7-0 for a badly needed win. "There were few mistakes,

Doug Schwartz received Academic All-State, and Most Improved.

Vince Coors took both Outstanding Offensive Back and Outstanding Defensive Back and also received an All-Conference award.

Finally, Eugene Balensiefer made off with Outstanding Defensive Lineman and an All-Conference award.

"We were more of a family type team. The captains made that work!," said coach Terpstra.

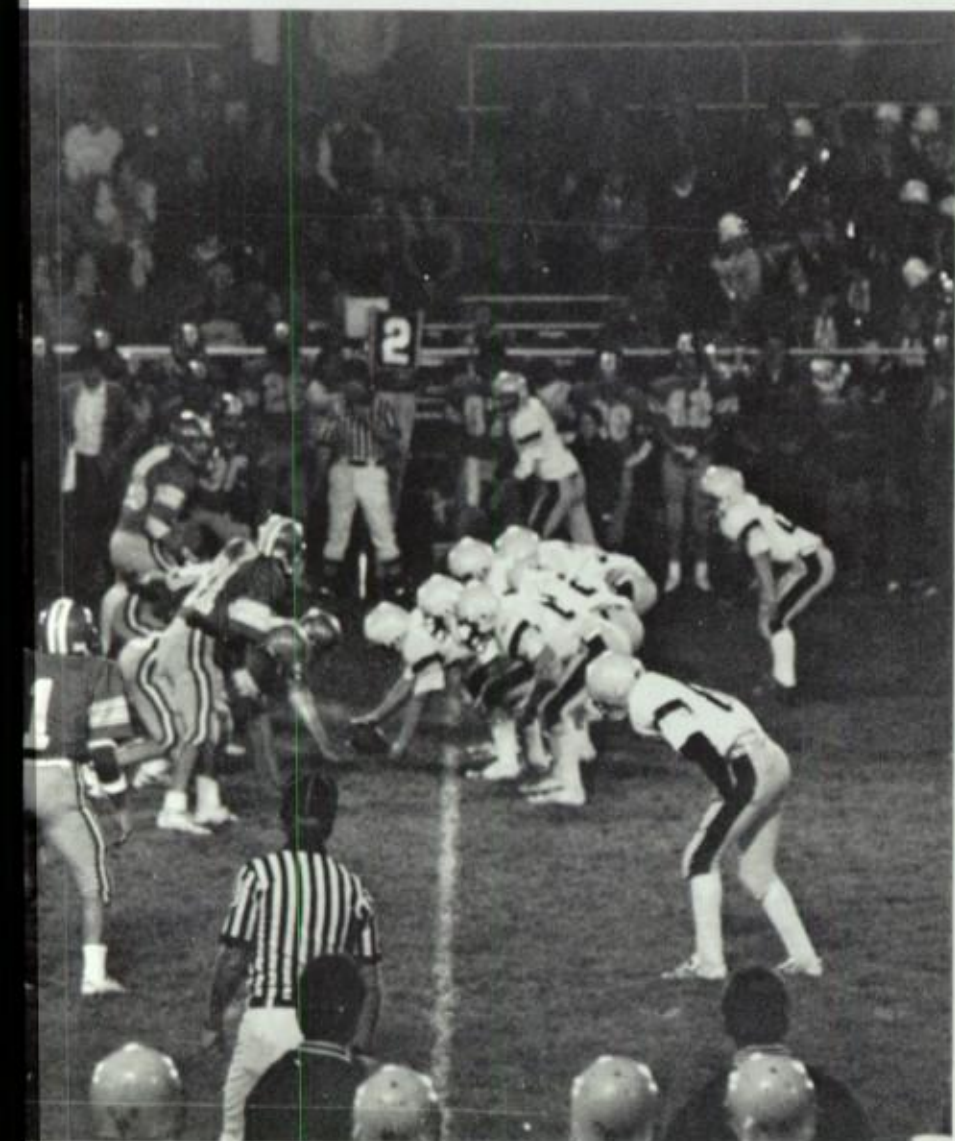
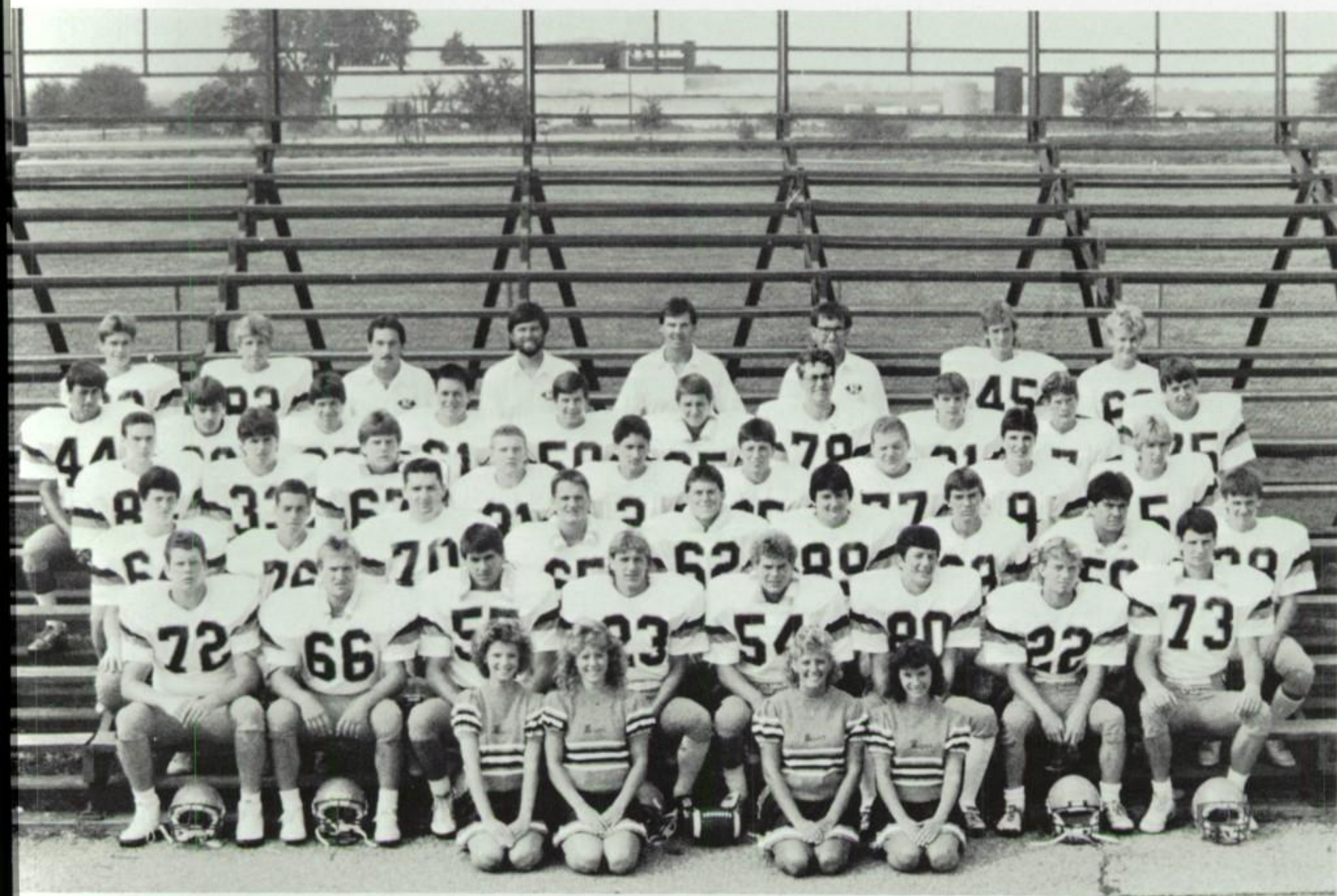
By Mike Thurston.



Jeff Brummet peels back to block for John Logan.

Jack "Bull" Bulington graciously awaits another chance to play in the mud.





Team and cheerleaders.

Senior Captains.

BC goes head-to-head against West Side.

Senior Captains

*Eugene Balensiefer:
All-State
All-Conference*

*Vince Coors:
TV-18 Player of
the Week
All-Conference*

*Mark Underwood:
Academic All-
Conference
Mental Attitude*

*Doug Schwartz:
Academic All-
State
Most Improved*

Led By Gall Spikers Give All

Seniors Shelley Gall, Angel Hill and Lisa Windler led this year's varsity volleyball team, made-up mainly of under-class players, to a record of 9-18.

The team had a lot of talent, but inexperience kept them from playing as a team.

As co-captain Shelley Gall put it, "I think we had a lot of

ended this, "Individual goals were met by most, but the team didn't win the close games."

Gall's season surprised even her. She was selected to All Hoosier Conference, as well as winning team MVP, the serving award, and tying with JoAnna Brooks for the setting award.

... with the tough competition that we had, our performance was pretty good.

talent on the team that wasn't brought our completely. I think that if we would have played more as one team instead of individuals we could have won more matches than we did. I feel that with the tough competition that we had our performance was pretty good."

Coach Jane Rubesch sec-

The varsity volleyball team concluded their season with a tough draw in sectional play against state—ranked McCutcheon, who later became the sectional champions.

The JV's season concluded with a record of 6-16, but this year's experience should help next year's team.

By Nancy Brost

► **Team Leader Shelly Gall** sets up a teammate for a spike.

▼ **Keeping the tradition** the varsity displays team spirit with a slide.





VARSITY AWARDS

Co-Captains:
Shelley Gall
Lisa Windler

MVP:
Shelley Gall

All-Conference:
Shelley Gall

Setting:
JoAnna Brooks
Shelley Gall

Most-improved:
Barbi Johnston

▲ **1986 Varsity Volleyball Team**
 (back) Beth Ransom, Theresa Stacey,
 Mary Janssen, Jennifer Ade, Angel
 Hill, Lisa Windler, Coach Rubesch,
 (front) Lisa Bacon, Tanya Ladd, Barbi
 Johnston, Roxanne Merten, Shelley
 Gall.

◀ **1986 JV Volleyball Team** (top to
 bottom) Lisa Clements, Kristin Bu-
 dreau, Melissa Simms, Carol
 Dwenger, Penny Jessie, Coach Rob-
 ertson, Karla Eberle, Jennifer Cain,
 Deb Schwartz, Tanya Ladd, Amy
 Kirsch, Jenny Lamie, Cheryl Gobel.

Racket Men Have Smashing Season

The 1986 Benton Central tennis team made Bison history by having accomplished a pre-season goal which was to set the record for the most Bison victories. They finished the season with a 10-4 record.

Not only did the Bison team achieve this goal, but Greg Hoover was named Coach of the Year for the Hoosier Conference. Hoover said this award was unexpected.

ly deserved to win this award."

Schroeder himself played an important part in leading the team to a 10-4 record. He advanced to Regionals and then was selected to be on the All-Hoosier Conference team.

"This made me especially happy," commented Schroeder. "At the beginning of the season I just wanted to win more matches than I lost, but as the season

... a friend as well as a coach ...

"I consider being named conference coach of the year more of a team award than an individual award," Hoover stated.

Senior player Steve Schroeder said he and the team were very happy that Hoover received this award.

"We all had a good feeling about it because Mr. Hoover put a lot of time and effort into making the team as good as it was," Schroeder said. "We think of him as a friend as well as a coach and he real-

went on I set a goal to make All-Hoosier Conference."

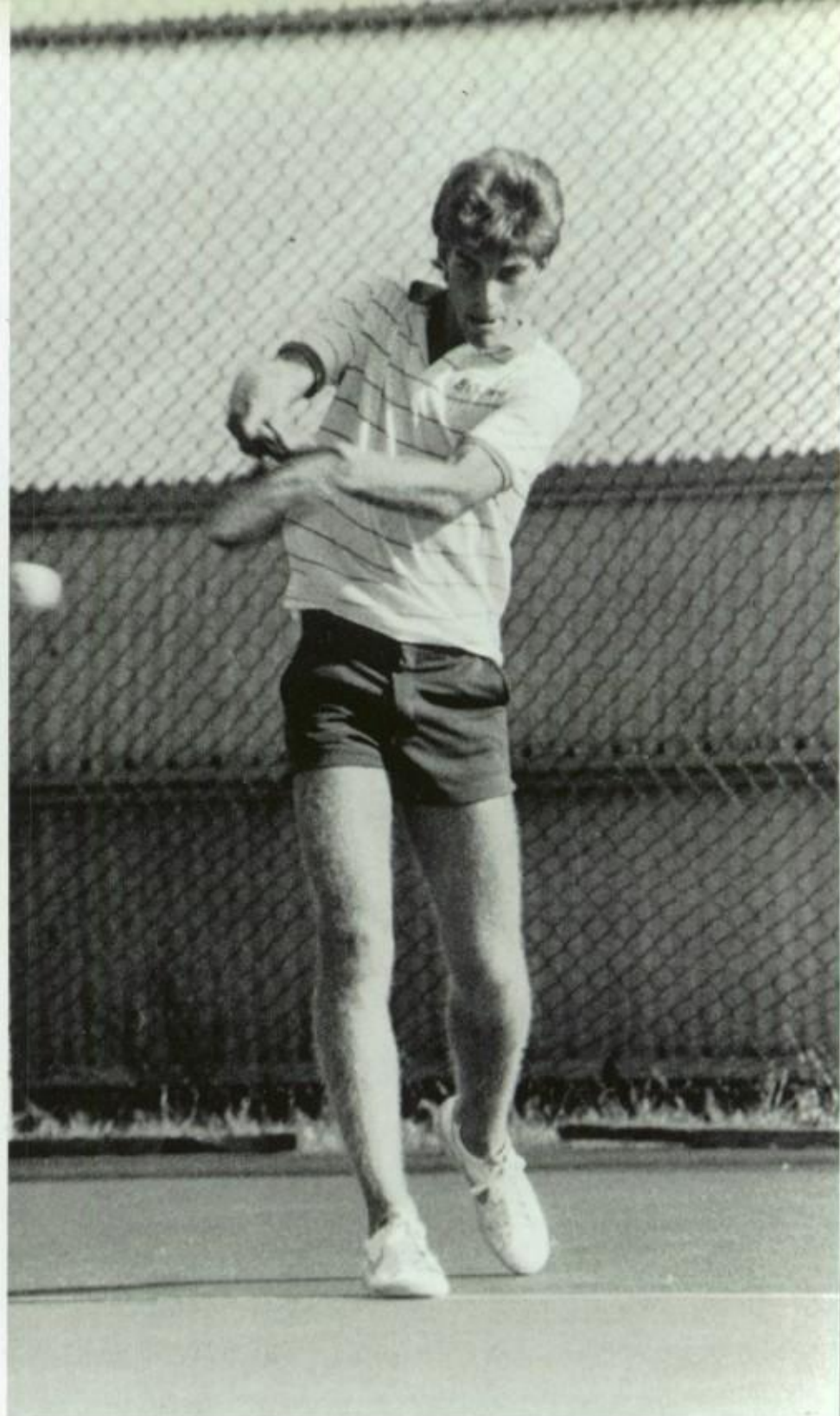
Following Steve Schroeder playing singles were Brent Schmidt—2nd and Scott Schroeder—3rd. The doubles teams were Pat Glotzbach and Roger Kult—1st; Tim Doyle and Dave Harper alternated in second doubles with Curt Puetz. All varsity players lettered along with sophomore Pat Doyle.

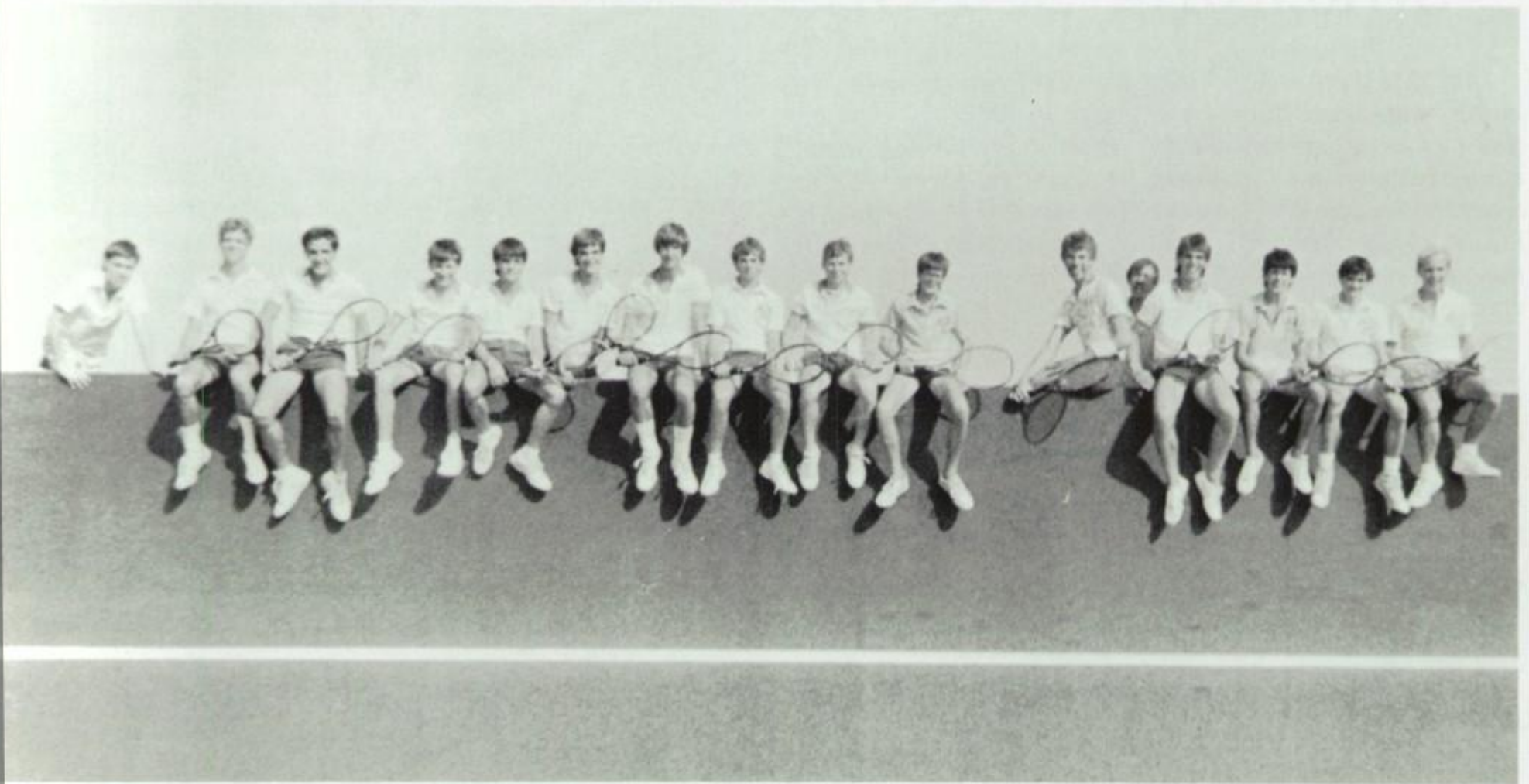
The JV also held their own by ending their season with a 5-5 record.

By Sally Gephart and Becky Geswein

With deep concentration on his face, Steve Schroeder uses his strong backhand to make another step toward Regional.

And the coach thinks we're practicing. JV takes time out for a picture.





BC		OPP
3	Seeger	2
5	Twin Lakes	0
0	W. Lafayette	5
2	Central Catholic	3
3	Covington	2
3	Harrison	2
5	Attica	0
4	McCutcheon	1
3	Covington	2
4	Delphi	1
3	Carroll	2
Twin Lakes Inv. 2nd		
Delphi Inv. 5th		

The 1986 boy's tennis team takes time out from a winning season to pose for a picture.

Caught in the spirit, senior Dave Harper rushes to return the tough shot.

Runners Best Ever

BC's 1986 cross country teams were the best in the history of the school.

The girls were 2-2 in dual meets (14-2 counting forfeits) and finished 2nd in the tough Seegar Invitational. The boys were 9-5 in dual meets and 2nd in the Hoosier Conference.

The two teams were very close. The boys and girls squads yelled for and encouraged each other which helped them both to strong

Both teams progressed consistently. Times improved with every race. Jennifer Hill, Alice Lake and Kim Happ pushed each other in close competition, with Hill and Lake achieving All Conference honors.

The boys were led by Mike Thurston, BC's best runner ever, but others followed closely. Thurston won the Hoosier Conference meet for the 2nd year in a row and was joined on the All Confer-

The teams were really close . . . and helped each other.

finishes. "The teams were really close. They cared for, watched out for, and helped each other," said assistant coach Joel McKinney.

Kim Happ, Heather Little, Mike Thurston, and Bud Clouse showed strong senior leadership, which motivated the team. "I'm really going to miss the seniors. We had great leadership, but I'm excited about the new kids coming up," said head coach Mike Beresford.

ence team by Bud Clouse and Rod Marris.

Thurston's historic season included a home course record of 16:14 for 5000 meters and a 9-0 record in dual meets. He also won the Sectional and the Regional with times of 16:19.9 and 16:38.0 respectively.

"He is the senior captain coaches dream of — not only talented, but of good character and a great leader," said coach Heresford.

By Heather Little



▲The Bison Cross Country Team.

►Senior Kim Happ fights for the lead.





Individual Awards

MVR:

Jennifer Hill

Mike Thurston

Mental Attitude:

Sandy Here

Rod Marris

Scholastic:

Mark Brown

Sandy Here

Captains:

Kim Happ

Mike Thurston

Most Improved:

Alice Lake

Kent Moore

◀ Senior Mike Thurston once again takes the lead.

▶ The girls anxiously await the starting gun.

▼ Sophomore Rod Marris pushes toward the finish line.





MVP:
Trina Hatke

MOST IMPROVED:
Janene Davis

MENTAL ATTITUDE:
Kathy Scheurich

CAPTAINS:
Cathleen Schroeder
Kathy Scheurich

▲Cathleen Schroeder, a 4 year letter winner, tries to convince Coach Rancour of her new freestyle version.

►Showing emotion and determination, sophomore Nikki Rolan exhibits the grueling butterfly.



Waterworks

Solid team unity, a fighting spirit, as well as new equipment helped this year's girls swim team improve greatly.

Commenting on the team pride, Coach Cheryl Rancour said, "We had a real die-hard team this year. The girls just wouldn't give up."

Swim practices included early morning weight lifting from 7:00 to 7:30, and swim-

system. "The new equipment made our times a lot more accurate and made our meets run a lot smoother," said Kathy Scheurich, another senior co-captain.

This year's swim team really worked hard for sectionals, and placed ninth out of fourteen schools. Qualifying for sectionals were seniors Cathleen Schroeder and Susan

... a real die-hard team ...

ming around 4000 yards a day. "Practice was always fun because of the team spirit. It made the hours go a lot faster," said senior co-captain Cathleen Schroeder. Schroeder was the only four year letterman in swimming at Benton Central this year.

The new equipment included touchpads, hand paddles, kick boards, a pace clock, and a whole new time

Brouillette, junior Christi Pitstick, and sophomores Trina Hatke and Nikki Rolan. The sectional highlight came when the 400 Freestyle Relay knocked ten seconds off of their best time.

By Kathy Tabert



▲ The 1986 girls swim team.

◀ Splashing their way to victory, the team does the BISON STAMPEDE on the night of their first win in two years.

▲ Still not accustomed to the sound of the new starter, the backstrokers pull off a great medley relay start.

An All Season Sport

Cheerleading at Benton Central has become a sport within itself. Starting in the summer at various camp sites and continuing through the winter, the three different squads had another spirited year.

Every sport has a camp in which participants can improve skills and learn new ones. Cheerleading is no exception. Every summer the cheerleaders pack their things and head off to various universities to learn new cheers, chants, dances and other helpful activities for the upcoming year.

The Varsity squad (Kathy Tabert, Sue Schirm, Jami Berry, Nancy Brost, and Krista Kirkham) attended National Cheerleaders Association at Indiana University. The squad cheered their way into the top ten squads of the camp along with receiving all Superior blue ribbons in evaluations and bringing home the top spirit award, a spirit stick. Sue Schirm was one of 10 girls selected from 400 as an All American Cheerleader Nominee giving

the squad every award possible.

The following week the Jr. Varsity squad also traveled to IU to attend Universal Cheerleaders Association. The girls (Cathy Waber, Sally Gephart, Amanda Larson, Jeanie Tabert, and Shauna Ferguson) also place among the top squads at their camp. They competed for the Best Cheer and Best Chant awards, received all blue and red ribbons in evaluations and to top off their week, they brought home a Spirit Stick. "Our squad became a lot closer at camp because we worked together to reach our goals for the week," stated Jeanie Tabert about their week at camp.

The Girls Varsity made their way up to the windy city of Chicago and Northwestern University for their week of camp at Dynamic Cheerleaders Association. Their awards included Outstanding Cheering Skills, Outstanding Spirit, and a very special Squad Unity ribbon given only to a few select squads.



VARSITY

All American Squad
Spirit Stick

All Blue Ribbons

JR. VARSITY

Spirit Stick

Best Cheer Nominee

Best Chant Nominee

Blue and Red Ribbons

GIRLS

Outstanding Cheering

Outstanding Spirit

Squad Unity

▲The Varsity Cheerleaders cheer the boys on to a blow-out victory in the opening Sectional game.

►The 1986-87 Varsity Cheerleading Squad.



Drained, but happy, Sue Schirm and Nancy Brost hug each other after the triple overtime in the Sectional Championship.



... the seniors will be missed ...

During football season the group sponsored cheer clinics at the surrounding grade schools.

They taught the girls cheers, chants, and other skills. Spirit awards were given out including one girl from each grade being chosen to cheer at the boys basketball preview.

In November, the boys cheerleaders were elected. They were Wyatt Carmony, Jason Crisp, Greg Brown, Jeff Sneathen, Jeff Brummet, and alternate Matt Hale. With only two experienced boys, it was a year of learning. "they were fun to work with because they were so enthusiastic about learning to cheer," commented senior Jami Berry.

To raise school spirit and to support their teams the cheerleaders did many things. The Varsity took wa-

termelon and popsicles to the football team after hot summer practices. The J.V. and Varsity held a spaghetti dinner, decorated rooms, and made signs for the boys basketball sectional Tourney. The Girls Cheerleaders made signs and decorated the school to raise spirit for the girls sectional play. As a whole, the group had two dances and sold carnations to raise money along with working at tourney luncheons.

"This year's squads were independent and very dedicated workers. I could always depend on them to make the right decision, and I know the seniors will be missed," said cheerleading sponsor, Ms. Lamie.

By Sue Schirm and
Nancy Brost



▲ The 1986-87 Girls Cheerleaders.

◀ The 1986-87 Jr. Varsity Cheerleaders.

The Pride Is Back

Enthusiasm and discipline—words to live by according to first year Head Varsity Basketball coach, Nelson Bane.

Starting last summer, Coach Bane and his staff set many goals for this year's team. Reshaping the attitude of the team along with the attitude of the school were at the top of the list. They wanted to bring back the pride that has been missing for quite some time—pride not only in the basketball team but pride that might carry over into every activity that goes on in the course of a

Benton Central day.

Although the job is not quite finished, Coach Bane feels they made great strides in improving the school's pride.

"We want the whole school to be a winner and we feel our basketball program can help that," commented Coach Bane.

Looking good was not a problem for the 16-9 Bison with their new green blazers. This was another attempt to clean-up Benton Central's image. Other changes weren't made by the coaching staff, but by the players

themselves. "The biggest thing a coach can do is set the tone by living up to the image of the kind of person that he wants his players to be. That's what I tried to do. From there, the kids knew what was expected of them and they did the changing," stated Coach Bane.

If being a good coach means practicing until all hours, then Coach Bane could take top honors. At a crucial point in the season (after a 20 pointloss to McCutcheon) the coaching staff became very concerned, concerned because

their team was not displaying two of the most important aspects of the game—mental toughness and competition.

Upon arriving at B.C. after the McCutcheon game, the team was informed they had ten minutes to be on the floor ready for practice.

We want the whole school to be a winner . . .

While taking a tour of the gym and looking at all the victory banners, the coaches and players bared their souls to each other. "The players and coaches found out how much each one cared about the other, not only on the basketball court but also in life," Bane said. The team then had a physically demanding practice until 2:30 a.m. that morning and again at 10:30 that morning. "This basketball team got mentally tough that night," commented Coach Bane in an interview with the Journal and Courier.

The mental toughness paid off as the team prepared for Sectional play. In the first game they crushed South

Newton. The second game was a different story but they held on for a 64-57 victory over Twin Lakes. "That was a mentally tough game, and we were ready," Bane told the J & C.

Now the stage was set for a Sectional Championship, but there were distractions and another soul searching session was called.

Coach Larry Miller wrote a letter to the team in an effort to get them motivated enough to do the job. Senior Phil Hollis commented on the letter, "It changed our whole attitude towards the game. From that point on, anything less than winning was a waste of time."

And win they did to be-

come the first Sectional Champions since the tournament was moved to Tri-County in 1984. "It was something I wanted to happen ever since I was a sophomore. I had a feeling we were going to win when we always had the last chances to win in the overtimes. When we finally won it was the best feeling in the world," said senior Tom Boehm of the victory.

Coach Bane added, "There was no greater feeling than cutting down the nets. We were so proud of the kids."

The Bison then traveled to Lafayette Jefferson to play in the Regional Tournament. After trouncing the Kouts Mustangs by a score of 87-57 the Bison team found them-

selves falling short of a Regional Championship as Central Catholic took over in the last few minutes of the game to pull out a 63-52 victory.

Coach Bane feels that the seniors will be missed greatly. "The legacy the seniors left, of high standards and lofty goals, has given the underclassmen ideals and goals to shoot for. They need to live up to them," stated Bane.

He also feels that his first year as Head Varsity Coach was a success. "If every year as much fun as the first one I'd like to be in it a long time."

By Sue Schirmer

► Coach Bane gives Stacey Minier the game plan before he returns to play.





◀ Joe Dixon follows the advice of a banner in the stands and slams a dunk against North Mont.

▼ The 1986-87 J.V. Team: (Bottom to Top) Pat Doyle, Spencer Geswein, Todd Schwartz, Scott Gobel, Scott Brooks, Kieth Kretzmeier, Craig Durflinger, Kevin Etter, Steve Rettig, Kyle Kottkamp, Chris Royal, Jamie Roudebush. The team finished with a 7-13 record.

▼ Joe Dixon hauls down a defensive rebound against Seeger and looks for the outlet pass to start the fast break.



TEAM AWARDS

Co—Captains—Stacey Minier and Phil Hollis

Mental Attitude—
Tim Doyle

Greg Royle Hustle
Award—
Phil Hollis

Scholastic Award—
Tim Doyle

Free Throw Percentage
and Record—
Phil Hollis

MVP—
Joe Dixon

Most Assists and Re-
cord—
Phil Hollis

HOOSIER HYSTERIA—BC STYLE 1987 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

▼ "We're Number One!" shout the team, managers and cheerleaders after the triple—over-time win against Tri—County.



▲ Coach Bane pleads with the referees while the assistant coaches urge on Mike Schwartz.

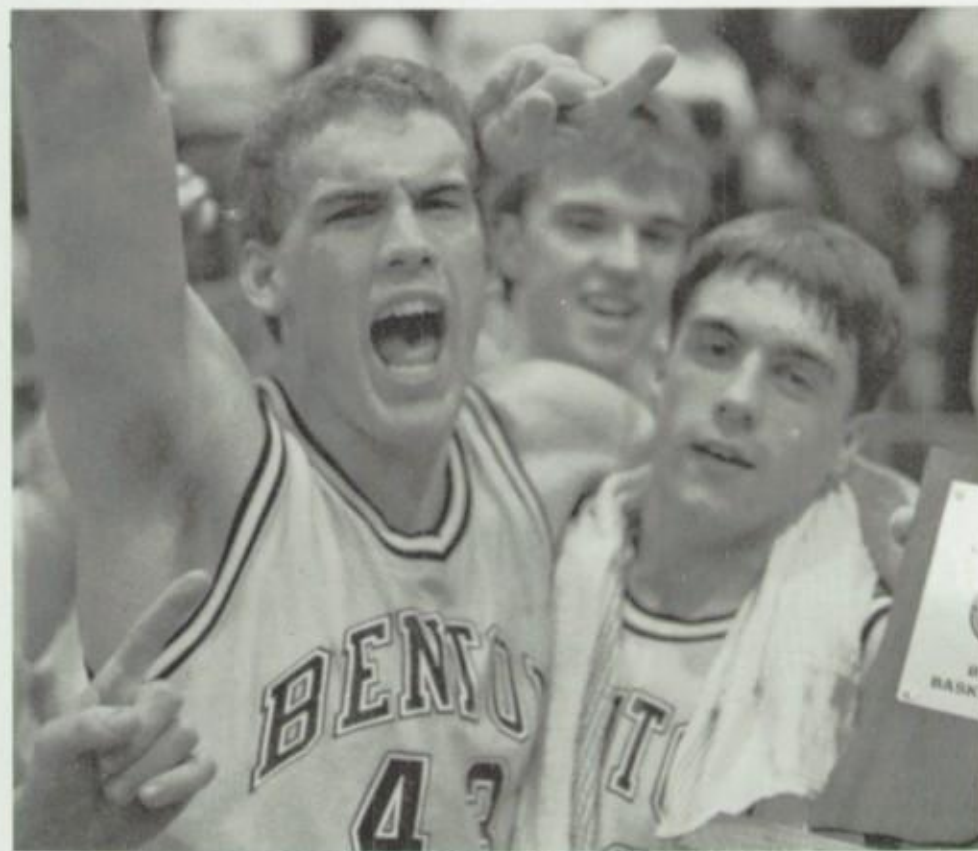
▶ Stacy Minier distributes a round of low fives to the Bison fans.





◀The 1986-87 Varsity Basketball team: (Bottom to Top) Todd Schwartz, Steve Schroeder, Dan Coffman, Joe Dixon, Stacey Minier, Mike Schwartz, Tom Boehm, David Muller, Phil Hollis, Sean Reynolds, Tim Doyle.

▼Seniors Joe Dixon and Sean Reynolds fire up as years of hard work have finally led to a sectional trophy.



BOYS BASKETBALL HONORS

All T.C. Sectional Team—
Tom Boehm, Joe Dixon,
Steve Schroeder, Phil Hol-
lis, Stacey Minier

Sectional MVP—
Phil Hollis

All Regional Team—
Joe Dixon, Tom Boehm

All Area 1st Team—
Joe Dixon; Hon. Men.—
Tom Boehm

All Hoosier Conference—
Tom Boehm, Joe Dixon

All State Hon. Men.—
Joe Dixon



▲Phil Hollis is introduced as the excitement builds before a home game.

◀Tom Boehm lofts a soft jumper as David Muller and Joe Dixon position themselves for the rebound.

◀Phil Hollis (15) leaps to take a pass against Seeger.

Together as One

The Lady Bison made their grand entrance onto the floor with the beat of "I'm So Excited" played by the band. Not only were they excited they were confident, as all their fans could see. Assured by the crowd, they pushed themselves from the tip-off to the last second of every game. Their energy, however, came not only from the love of basketball but from many hours of conditioning.

The girls actually started their season in the summer

Sandy Herre, Sheryl Klemme, Lori Senesac, and Lisa Windler were named All-Conference. Sandy Herre was named to the All-Sectional team.

This year's Seniors were the first to have attended Coach Conner's summer basketball camp for girls from elementary school on. The Senior Captains have given their all since fifth grade, and didn't stop until the final second of their last game.

... This team was really close ...

when the three Seniors—Leslie Hickman, Kori Senesac, and Lisa Windler—organized informal practices. The long hours spent together made this team especially close.

"This year the team was really close and I'll never forget these past five months," stated Senior Lisa Windler.

The season may not have turned out as well as they had hoped. For the first time in several years the Lady Bison did not advance to Regionals. However, many goals were achieved. The Varsity had a record of 15-5 and the Junior Varsity had a record of 14-1.

All good things come to an end and so did this season. In the Sectional Tourney against Seeger the Lady Bison fell short of their expectations. An undefeated Seeger team beat the Bison 60-57, in what many considered an upset.

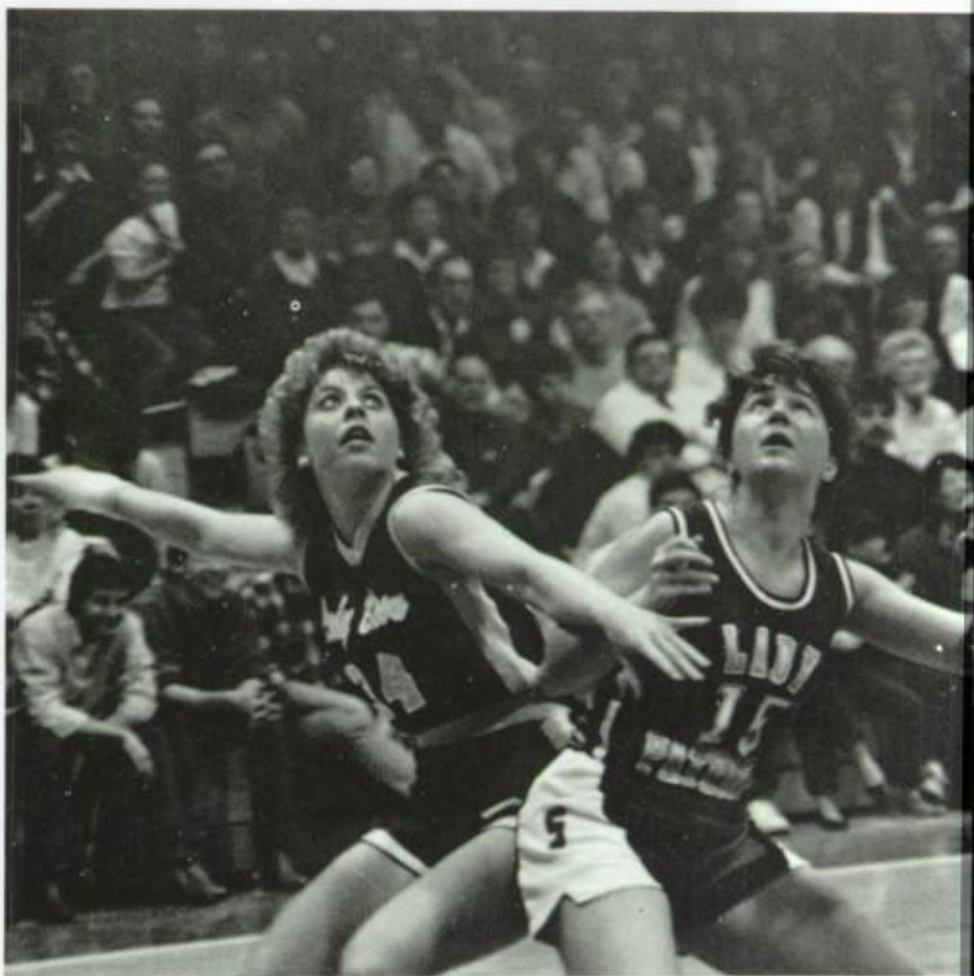
With this year's strong Sophomore class led by high scorer Sheryl Klemme and with the return of highly recruited Junior Sandy Herre, next year should be a good one for the Lady Bison.

By Heather Little and
Kathy Tabert

►Lady Bison Varsity Team: (top) Kelly Ruemler, Jennifer Hill, Susan Cyr, Sheryl Klemme, Melanie Vaughn (middle) Heidi Christopher, Lori Senesac, Leslie Hickman, Lisa Windler (bottom) Diane Hocking (manager), Lisa Bacon, Sandy Herre, Tina Humm, Kim Mermoud (manager).

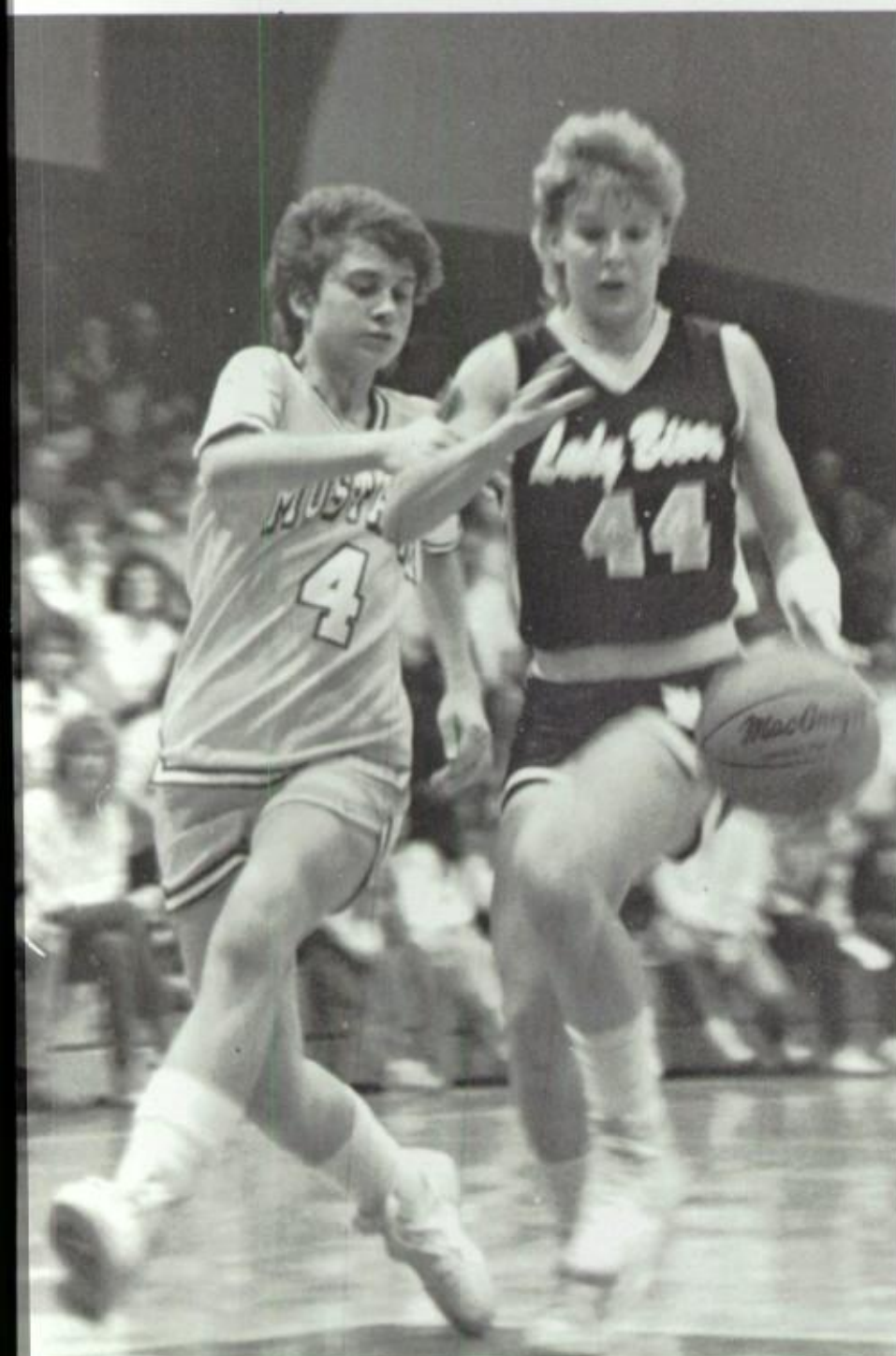
▲Sophomore Sheryl Klemme is stunned when she cannot find a fellow Lady Bison to pass the ball to.

►Sophomore Heidi Christopher works hard to get position during sectional play.





LADY BISON AWARDS
 Leslie Hickman: Jan Conner Award
 Lori Senesac: Mental Attitude, Most Rebounds, Defense Award
 Lisa Windler: Took Charge Award, Summer Work Award
 Sandy Herre: Most Valuable, Free Throw %, Most Steals, Most Assists, Old Show (Most Errors)
 Kelly Ruemler: Field Goal %, Heidi Christopher: Hustler Award
 Jennifer Hill: Most Improved
 Tina Humm: Extra Effort Award
 Sheryl Klemme: Scholarship, Most Points, Hacker (Most Fouls)



GIRLS BASKETBALL

BC	OPP	BC	OPP
77	Warren Central	59	66
87	Clinton Prairie	53	62
76	West Lafayette	78	72
59	Crown Point	72	95
41	Central Catholic	29	
60	Twin Lakes	36	91
80	Lafayette Jeff	60	69
71	Ben Davis	49	
64	Delphi	23	72
69	McCutcheon	50	57
72	South Newton	55	

FINAL RECORD: 15-5

▲Senior Lisa Windler goes for a bonus as Seniors Leslie Hickman and Lori Senesac get ready for the rebound.

◀M.V.P. Sandy Herre hustles down the floor for two.

◀Lady Bison Junior Varsity Team: Vanessa Leuck, Dawn Dunwoody, Laura Cyr, Mary Ann McMillan, Melanie Vaughn, Susan Cyr, Teresa Pearl, Tracy Terrell, Tina Humm, Alice Lake.

State Finalists!

The 1987 wrestling team ended their season with a 10-2-1 record. The season was highlighted by the performances of two seniors: Eugene Balensiefer and Vince Coors who were the second and third wrestlers in Benton Central history to go to State. Balensiefer also remained undefeated until state with a personal record of 31-1.

The team set three main goals at the beginning of the year — win Hoosier Conference, be undefeated, and win Sectional.

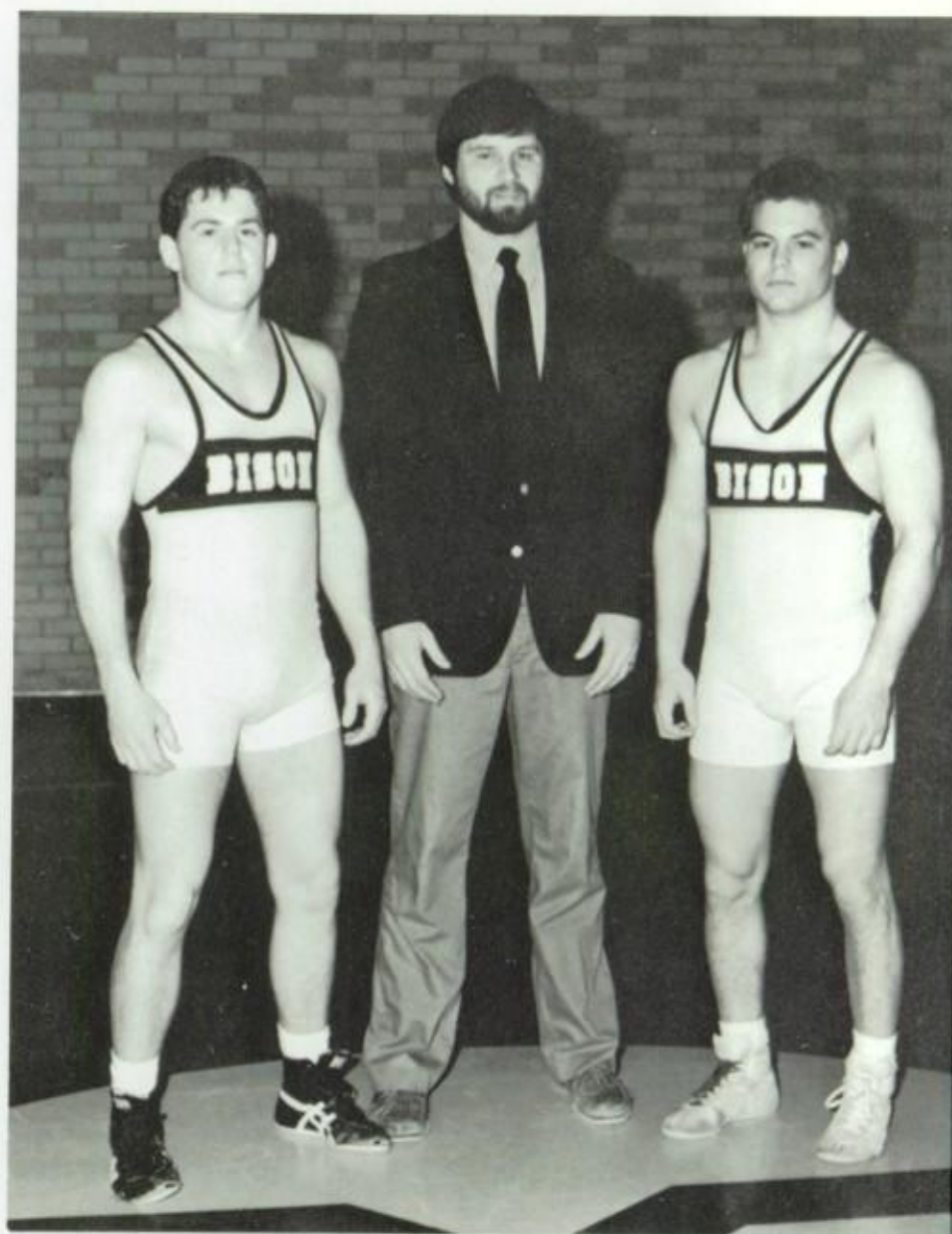
Although they placed second in the Hoosier Confer-

meet, Balensiefer placed 3rd, and Coors placed 6th.

The team gave a lot of credit to their coaches for its success. "I feel Coach Terpstra put everything he had into wrestling and because of this he has had a very good season. This is how he built the wrestling program at B.C.," stated Jones. Terpstra was aided by Mr. Patch and Todd Johnson. "Coach Patch put his best into it; he really loves the sport. He will also keep wrestling at B.C. successful," said Jones.

Even though the nine seniors will be leaving, nine var-

Set your goals at the highest limit possible.



ence and Sectional and were not undefeated, working on these goals led them to their best season ever.

In the tough Hoosier Conference Championship, tougher in many ways than the Sectional, Ben Knowles (126 lbs.), Greg Jones (167 lbs.), and Balensiefer (177 lbs.) all won in their weight class.

Balensiefer, Coors, Jones, and Steven Ade were all Sectional champs. Balensiefer and Coors were individual winners at the Regional, leading the team to 3rd place. At Semi-State, Balensiefer won again, and Coors placed fourth. In their historic trip to the state

sity letters and ten JV members will be back next year to lead the team on to another great year.

Balensiefer leaves a few words of wisdom for next year's team when he says, "Go hard at all times, never give up, and never relax. You have to push yourself to the limit because nobody else will. You have to motivate yourself and have the attitude that no one is going to stop you. Set your goals at the highest limit possible."

By Becky Geswein
Sally Gephart

▲Co-Captains Doug Schwartz and Mark Underwood pose for a picture with Coach Terpstra.

►Senior wrestlers clown around with Coach Terpstra for a picture.





Awards

Co-Captains:

Doug Schwartz
Mark Underwood

Mental Attitude:

Doug Schwartz
Mark Underwood

"I went the extra mile"

Doug Schwartz
Mark Underwood

"I didn't get pinned"

Eugene Balensiefer

Most Improved:

Steve Ade
Greg Jones

Most Valuable:

Eugene Balensiefer

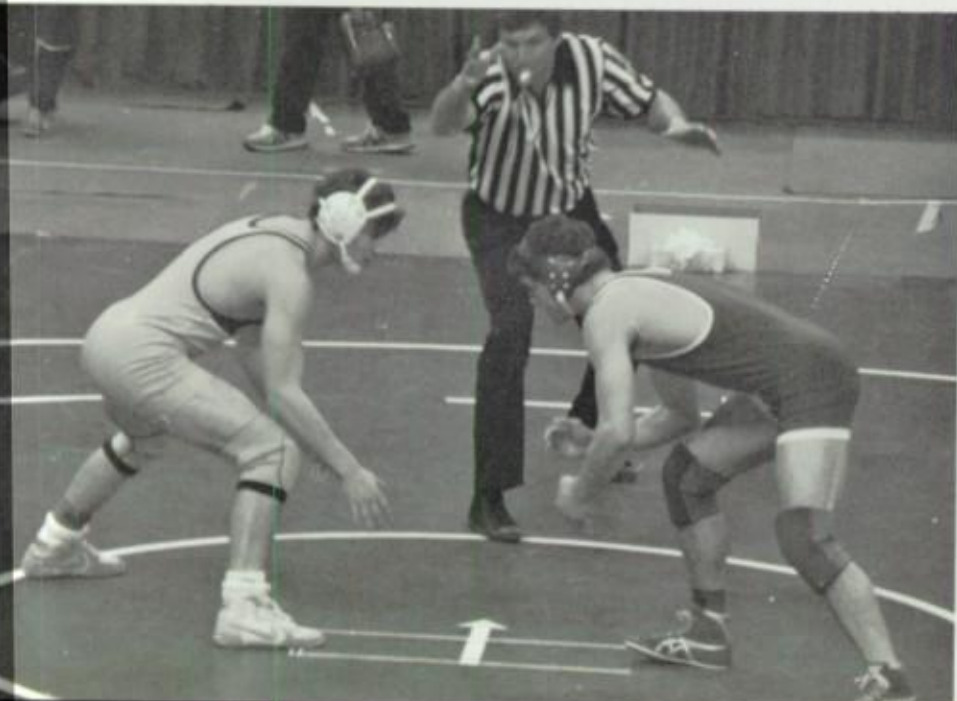


▲I've got you now! Senior Eugene Balensiefer at state.

◀The 1986-87 JV and Varsity wrestling team.

▼Ready, Set, Go! Vince Coors ready to pounce his opponent at state.

▼Taking charge Ben Knowles makes a great take down.



▼1986-87 Varsity Swim Team.

►Coach Black assigns heats to his boys.

▼Nels Muller comes in from a hard swim, swimming the breaststroke.



Swimmers on Upswing

This year's Bison swim team lacked members, but as individuals they performed excellently. The Tankers finished their season with a 3-14 record. Although the team was a small one, they improved in many ways and looked to be even better in the future.

The Hoosier conference was a highlight of the season.

pointment at the sectional was that Kirk Murray, who it was hoped could place, was unable to compete because of illness.

Mr. Black expects the swimming program to improve. Recruiting more individuals for the swim team is his main goal. In particular, divers are needed so those points aren't lost completely.

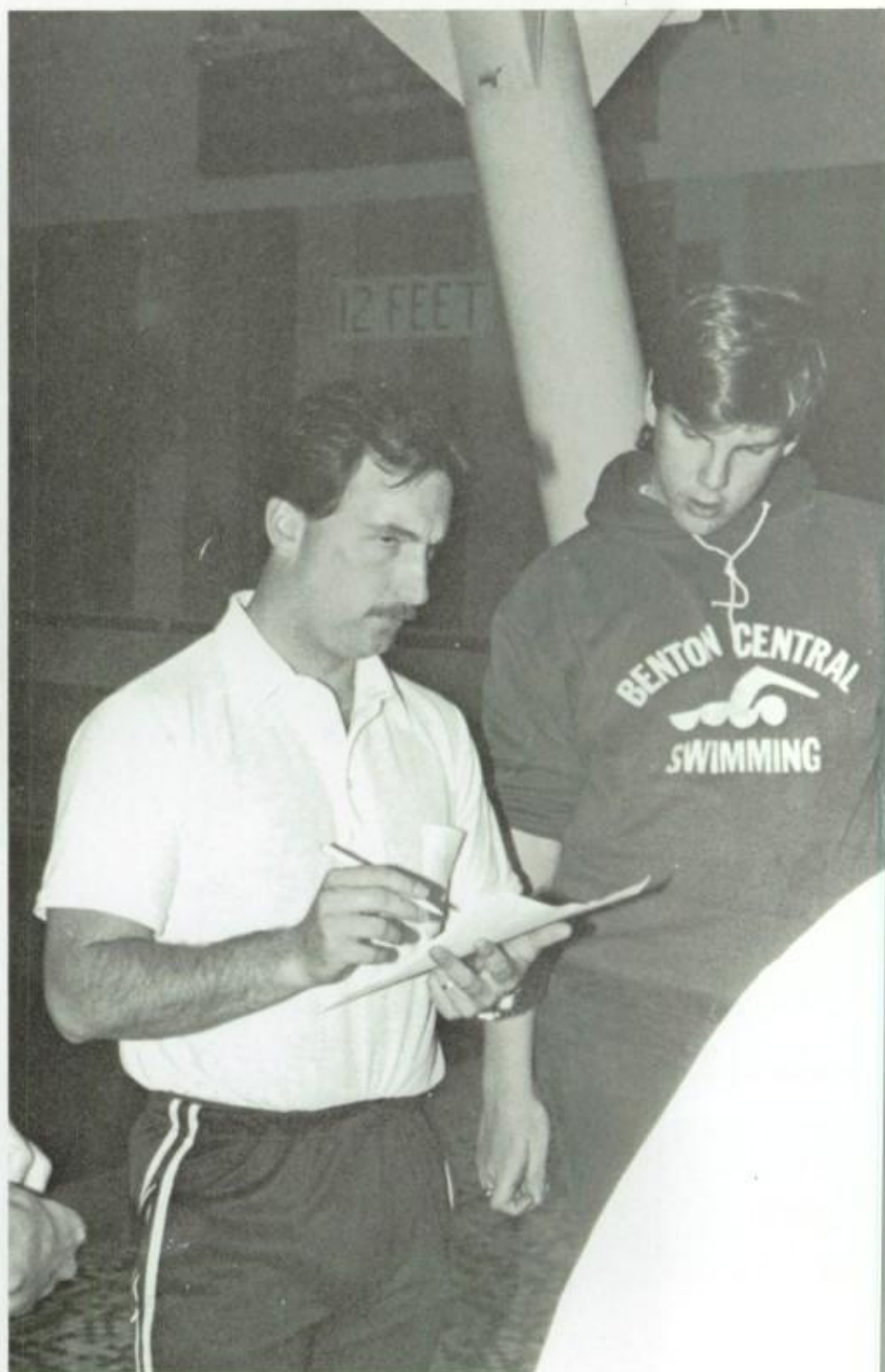
I'm looking forward to next year . . .

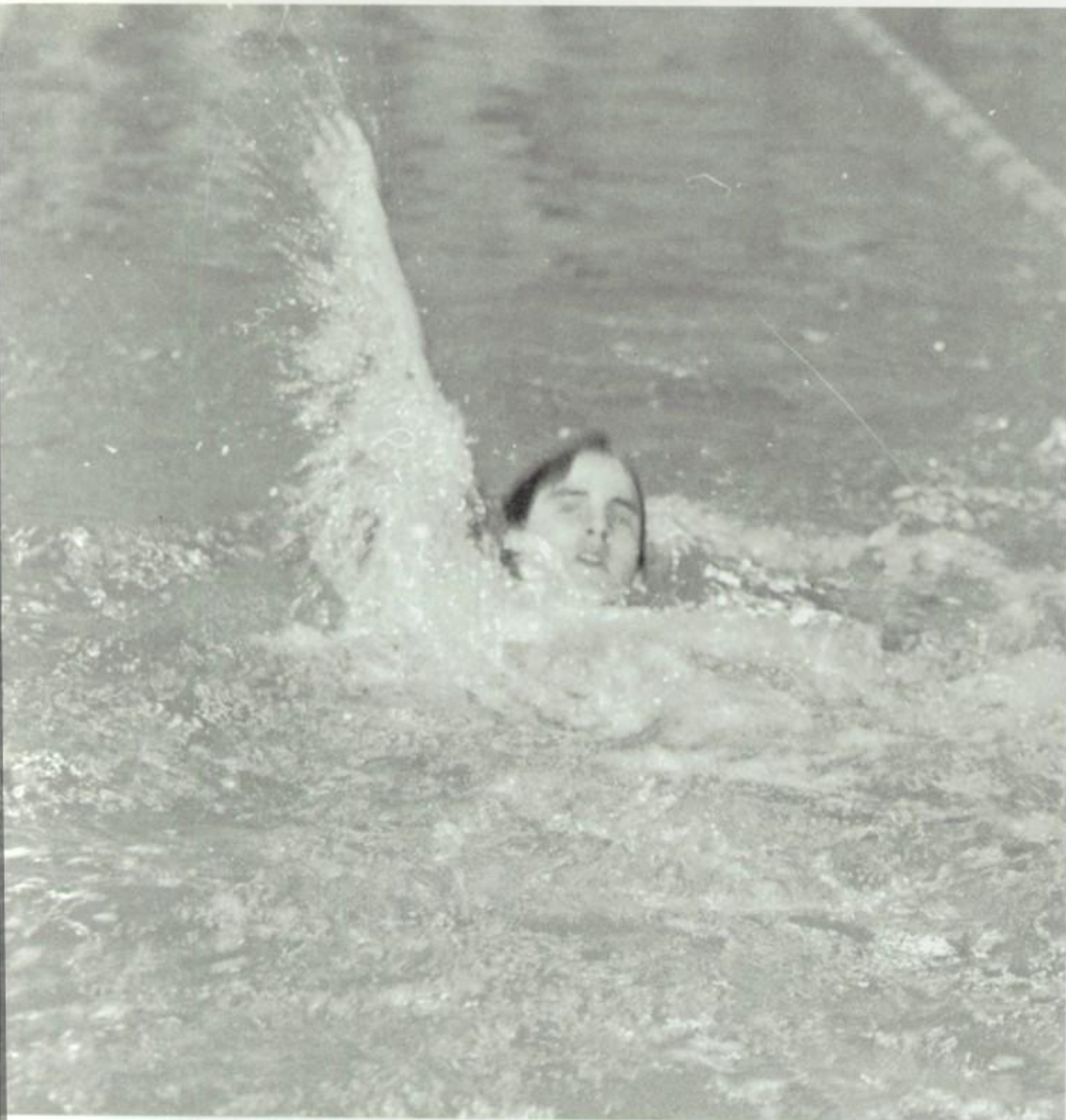
The team placed sixth overall, led by Kirk Murray's fifth place finished in the 100 yard butterfly and tenth in the 200 yard free style. The Bison medley relay team took home sixth place.

The Bison free style relay team swam at the Sectional advancing to the second round before losing. Team members were Jim Moyars, Jeremy Byers, Matt Sturgeon, and George Benner. A disap-

The future does look good however. As Mr. Black puts it, "I'm looking forward to next year, because we have a lot of experience returning. I was also pleased with the freshman group, because they showed a lot of potential. The majority are working out in the off season, some participating in other sports and lifting weights, said Black.

By Karen Murray





◀ Kirk Murray backstrokes his way to another win.

Team Awards

*Captain
Jim Moyars*

*MVP
Kirk Murray*

*Most Improved
Matt Sturgeon*

*Mental Attitude
Kirk Murray*



◀ Swimmers Nels Muller, Jerry Adams, George Benner, and Matt Sturgeon, warm-up for another meet by standing around and adjusting their goggles.
▼ Two wet heads, Jeremy Byers and Kirk Murray, take a time out between events.

Just A Swing'n

The Lady Hackers were a young building team made of one freshman, three sophomores, and a junior.

With no senior to lead this year, freshman Traci Terrell became the number one golfer. Terrell went all the way to Regional, where she missed becoming All—Hoosier Conference by two strokes.

"I did a lot better than I ever dreamed I would do. The best thing that happened this year was finding

out that I made it to Regional and making a lot of new friends," revealed Terrell.

This season differed from previous years in that it was a building year. The teams growth and experience points towards a rosey future. Helping the team next year will be this year's strong freshmen class.

Although the golf team ended with a 1-10 season, overall it was a year of making friends and a lot of fun.

"Whenever we went to

. . . laugh and have a good time . . .

away meets, we always jammed out to the radio. Amy Courtney would usually get pretty wild and everyone would laugh and have a good time," said Terrell.

Coach Mike Reynolds and Co—Captains Amy Courtney and Jenny Muller believe that next year will be a better year with practice throughout the summer.

At the end of the season

Coach Reynolds held a cook-out at his home and awards were presented as follows: Traci Terrell—Most Valuable; Darla Meihls—Most Improved; and Christy Huber—Mental Attitude.

By Toby Ringle
and Lori Welti



- ▶ Amy Courtney anxiously awaits to see the outcome of her chip.
- ▶ Swing'n Jenny Muller hopes to make the green.
- ▲ From left to right: Christy Huber, Amy Courtney, Coach Reynolds, Jenny Muller, Darla Meihls, and Traci Terrell.



Hackers Fare Well

The 1987, 16 team member golf team completed their season with 11 wins and 4 loses. When Coach Reynolds was asked about the season, he said, "We had a very successful season as far as our record. The team was very easy to work with."

The team was led by cap-

schools and missed Regional by six strokes.

At the awards banquet, awards were presented as follows: Captain Award—Steve Etter; Lowest Putting Average—Brent Schmidt; Most Valuable Player—Lee Sproull; Most Improved—Brent Schmidt; and Rookie

... we had a very successful season ...

tains Brent Schmidt, Steve Etter, and Lee Sproull. Reynolds believed the Seniors were very consistent and showed much improvement as the season progressed.

In Sectional, the "Hackers" came in fifth place out of 16

of the Year, Jason Etter.

"I think this was my best year of golf, and I will miss it greatly next year", said Brent Schmidt.

By Toby Ringle and Lori Wetli

The 1987 boys golf team

Tim Doyle
Brent Schmidt
Steve Etter
Lee Sproull
Curt Puetz
Doug Washburn
Joe Coffman
Kevin Etter
Jason Etter
Jason Sondergrath
Randy McIntyre
Daren Bowman

▲Brent Schmidt attempts to work his way out of a flower garden.



Improved Season

The 1986-87 Lady Netters ended their competitive season with a 2 win-11 loss record.

"Although the team's record may not reflect it, the team improved greatly this season. All they need for an excellent season next year is to play quite a bit during the Hoover.

cated himself to our team without any salary, and he spent a lot more hours with us than any other assistant coach we've had."

At the tennis banquet, awards were handed out to Lisa Bacon for #1 singles; Angel Hill for #1 doubles; Kathy Tabert for most improved; Kathy Scheurich for most

... the team improved greatly this season

...

This season, Coach Hoover was helped out by Bill Lenaway, a student teacher that was here at Benton Central. Lenaway volunteered his time and effort to the girls tennis team.

Kathy Tabert, a senior varsity singles player said, "Our assistant coach really dedi-

spirited; and Angel Hill was the captain for the 86-87 year.

"I thought the season went well, despite several setbacks we had, and we also got a lot accomplished this season", said Captain Angel Hill.

by Toby Ringle



▲Senior Angel Hill is often known as Joe Cool on the Tennis team.

►Guess Who is trying to keep from blowing away in a Benton County typhoon.





1987 Tennis Awards

#1 Singles:

Lisa Bacon

#1 Doubles:

Angel Hill

Most Improved:

Kathy Tabert

Most Spirited:

Kathy Scheurich

1986-87 Captain

Award:

Angel Hill

▲ The 1986-87 Varsity and Junior Varsity tennis team.

◀ Seniors Angel Hill and Kathy Tabert give doubles a new meaning.

◀ Senior Kathy Scheurich goes after a high one while playing singles.

Hoosier on First

A new face was added this year to the softball program when Jack Scott, with 7 years coaching experience, decided to become Benton Central's second coach ever. He was helped by student teacher, Dave Reif.

The team was made up of 23 players, 13 on Varsity and 10 on J.V. Coach Scott said he

except Marci, to help build the program.

Although the Bison Varsity had a record of 0-15, Scott said the team had an outstanding game against #1 ranked Harrison when they played good defense and hit well. Scott felt their defense was strong all year.

More girls than ever were

I would like to see the softball program continue to grow . . .

likes having both a J.V. and Varsity program instead of just Varsity because it gives all the girls a chance to work on their skills.

The Bison were led by pitcher Roxanne Merten, slick-fielding short stop Tina Humm, and catchers Renee Burke and Marci Krug. All of whom will be back next year,

out for softball. Scott said, "I would like to see the softball program continue to grow and for more girls to be a part of it. I hope the school will do everything to back the program."

By: Sally Gephart

Mental Attitude
Marci Krug
Most Improved
Laura Sowers
Best Batting
Average
Melissa Simms
MVP
Tina Humm

▲ Coach Scott gives Tina Humm a "high five" after her victorious lap around the diamond.

▲ "I got it!" Yells the first baseman Roxanne Merten.

► The 1986-87 girls softball league.

► "Ha! Try to hit this ball!" Laura Sowers-pitcher.





▲With their shades on, Marci Krug and Lisa Clemments watch an amusing play on the field.

▲"Go get em!" Tina Humm says to Lisa Clemments as she goes up to bat.

◀"Gosh! All she did was hit it over the fence, and look at all of the attention she gets!"

▲Running with determination, Renee Burke strives for the base.

Hard Work Pays Off

The 1986-87 boys track team achieved their best finish in over 10 years by placing second in both the Hoosier Conference and Sectional meets.

"We did far above what we were expected to do; it was by far the best we've com-

anchorman Billy Powell set a school record in that relay running 3:28.2. Senior Bud Clouse broke the record in the 1600 meter run with the time of 4:32.4, and Junior Billy Powell and Sophomore, Dave Muller set personal bests in the 400 and long

The boys ended their season with a record of nine wins and 5 losses.

"We walked into the season with a new attitude," said Mike Thurston. "With the variety of the three coaches; Michael Beresford, Pat Doyle, and John Koehler we

coach or an athlete. I guess why I feel that way is because we concentrated on running our fastest, throwing our farthest or jumping our highest everytime out. For the last five or six meets they did just that. Anytime athletes give their best effort in the last

... I'm extremely proud of these guys ...

peted in years," said head coach Michael Beresford.

Seven team members advanced to Regional. No one advanced to state, but they had some great performances. The 1600 meter relay team of Bud Clouse, Craig Durflinger, John Logan, and

jump, respectively. Powell ran 50.4 in the 400, narrowly missing a trip to the state meet getting sixth place, and Muller long jumped 20' 3". At the sectional meet, Senior Mike Thurston set a school record in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:54.5.

were able to concentrate more on the technique throughout the events. They had the time to help a lot more and help in all of the events."

"On the year as a whole it's been one of the most enjoyable season's I've had as a

meet of the year it's got to be satisfying," said Beresford. "I'm extremely proud of these guys, they took the ability God blessed them with and used it the best they could, who could ask for more than that."

By Kathy Taber



▲Sophomore Dave Muller finished his season with a personal record of 20' 3" in the long jump at Regional.

▶Sectional champ, in the 400 meter dash, Bill Powell led the Bison to second place in Sectional behind Lafayette Jeff.

▶1986-87 Benton Central Boys Track Team.



MVP
 Bill Powell
 Most Improved
 Carl Steiner
 Frosh./Soph. MVP
 Dave Muller
 Willie Briar
 Mental Attitude
 Bud Clouse
 3 Year Letterman
 Mike Thurston
 High Scholastic
 Don Munson

▲ Senior Bud Clouse falls into second place in the 1600 meter run at Hoosier Conference.

◀ Junior Alan Jones competes in the discus at Hoosier Conference.

▲ Coaches Mike Beresford, John Koehler, and Pat Doyle stooge it up after a winning meet.

Dominate Tenderfeet

The Lady Bison track team won the Rennselear Invitational, placed 3rd in the Hoosier Conference and were 4th in the Sectional. In the Sectional, the 1600 meter relay team set a new sectional and school record of 4:08.0. In placing fourth, Traci Terrell (the team's most improved runner), set a new school record in the 3200 meter run of 12:32.6. Also in the sectional, Kim Boehm set a new 1600 meter of 5:46.6.

Laura Cyr won both the conference and sectional in

young team, dominated by freshman and sophomores."

The team's strongest competition came from McCutcheon, Southmont, and Harrison, teams that were led by Seniors.

The girls' main strength was that they had at least one person in every event who could win. Their weakness was their youth. No one had really matured mentally yet.

Personal goals seemed to be successful all season. Everyone kept improving and still were at the end of the



... The team to beat next year ...

the 400 meters. Sandy Herre bested the Conference in the shot put, and with 171 points was the highest scorer and most valuable on the team. Susan Cyr was a consistent winner in the hurdles. The Cyr sisters and Sandy were joined by either Amanda Larson or Sheryl Klemme on the outstanding 1600 meter relay team. Heidi Christopher was also a consistent winner in the high jump.

"Our team was very successful," said Jan Conner, head coach, "We were a very

season, so things look very good for next year.

"We did very well considering we had some key people choose not to run this year. If we had these people back," said Conner, "we would have won the conference. Many of our Freshmen far exceeded our expectations!"

Conner figures the Lady Bison will be the team to beat next year in the conference and sectional, if everyone goes out.

By Jennifer Deno



▲Heidi Christopher concentrates hard while going over the high jump.

▲Sandy Herre struggles while coming around the bend.

▲Laura Cyr comes in first again!





Awards

MVP

Sandy Herre

Most Improved

Traci Terrell

Mental Attitude

Deb Schwartz

Scholarship

Sheryl Klemme

◀ *The Cyr sisters comfort each other during sectional.*

◀ *1987 Lady Bison Varsity Track Team.*

▲ *Susan Cyr finds no difficulty going over the hurdles.*

▲ *Amanda Larson hands off the baton to Sheryl Klemme.*

Conference Champs

The Bison varsity baseball team started their season off with an all new coaching staff. Gary DeHaven stepped in as head coach while David Black and Kevin White assumed the positions of assistant coaches.

"I felt that for Coach DeHaven's first year he did a good job. There is a lot of talent that will be back so the team should do as well or better next year," said senior

years to recapture the regional title. They lost the championship title to 26-8 Lafayette Jefferson with a score of 8-1.

Coach DeHaven commented about the loss to Lafayette Jefferson, "I think we lost to a really good team. It was a hard defeat because we had beat them earlier in the season. You always want to win that last game and go one step farther."

**You always want to win that last game
and go one step farther.**

centerfielder Tom Boehm.

This year the Bison tied in the Hoosier Conference with Central Catholic with a record of 8-4.

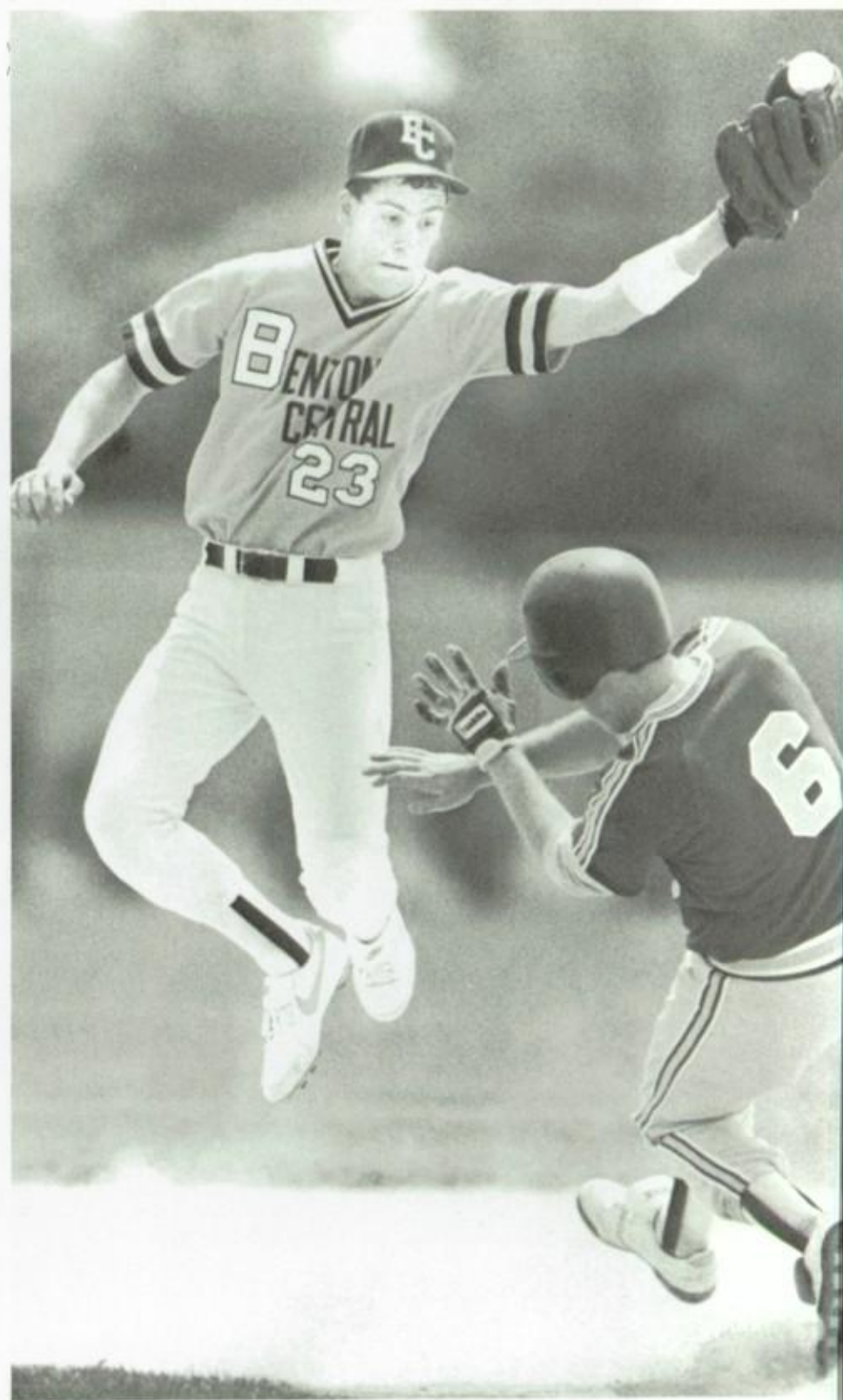
For the fifth time the Bison captured the sectional title. They defeated Twin Lakes in the championship game 8-1.

In the semifinals of the regional the Bison defeated North Newton 3-2. The team could not get their game together as in the past two

Three senior Bison were elected to the All-Hoosier Conference team. They were shortstop Phil Hollis, centerfielder Tom Boehm, and pitcher and third baseman Stacey Minier.

The varsity team ended their successful season with a record of 22-10.

By Nancy Brost



▲Senior Phil Hollis jumps high to catch the man stealing 2nd base. (Picture courtesy of The Journal and Courier.)

►The 1987 Varsity Baseball Team.





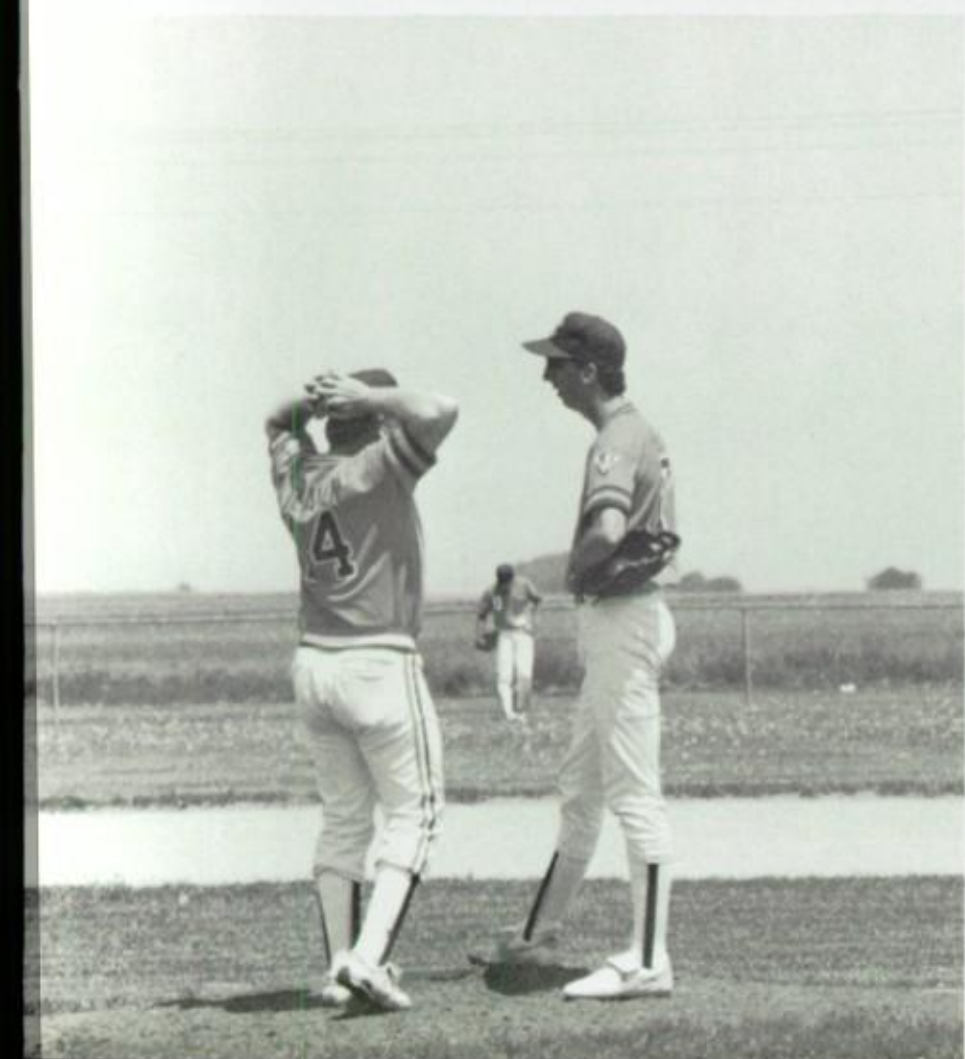
◀The Bison shake hands with their opponent after a good game.

▼The infield gather on the mound for some brief advice.

◀Junior Mike Kidwell positions himself to catch the fly ball.

▼Junior Marth Benner gets his catching gear on.

▼Coach DeHaven has a chat with Senior pitcher Stacey Minier.



ERA
Jeff Brummett

RBI
Tom Boehm

Batting Average
Tom Boehm .467

Golden Glove
Marty Benner

Co-Captains
Phil Hollis
Stacey Minier

ACADEMICS

A, B, C

As easy as 1, 2, 3.

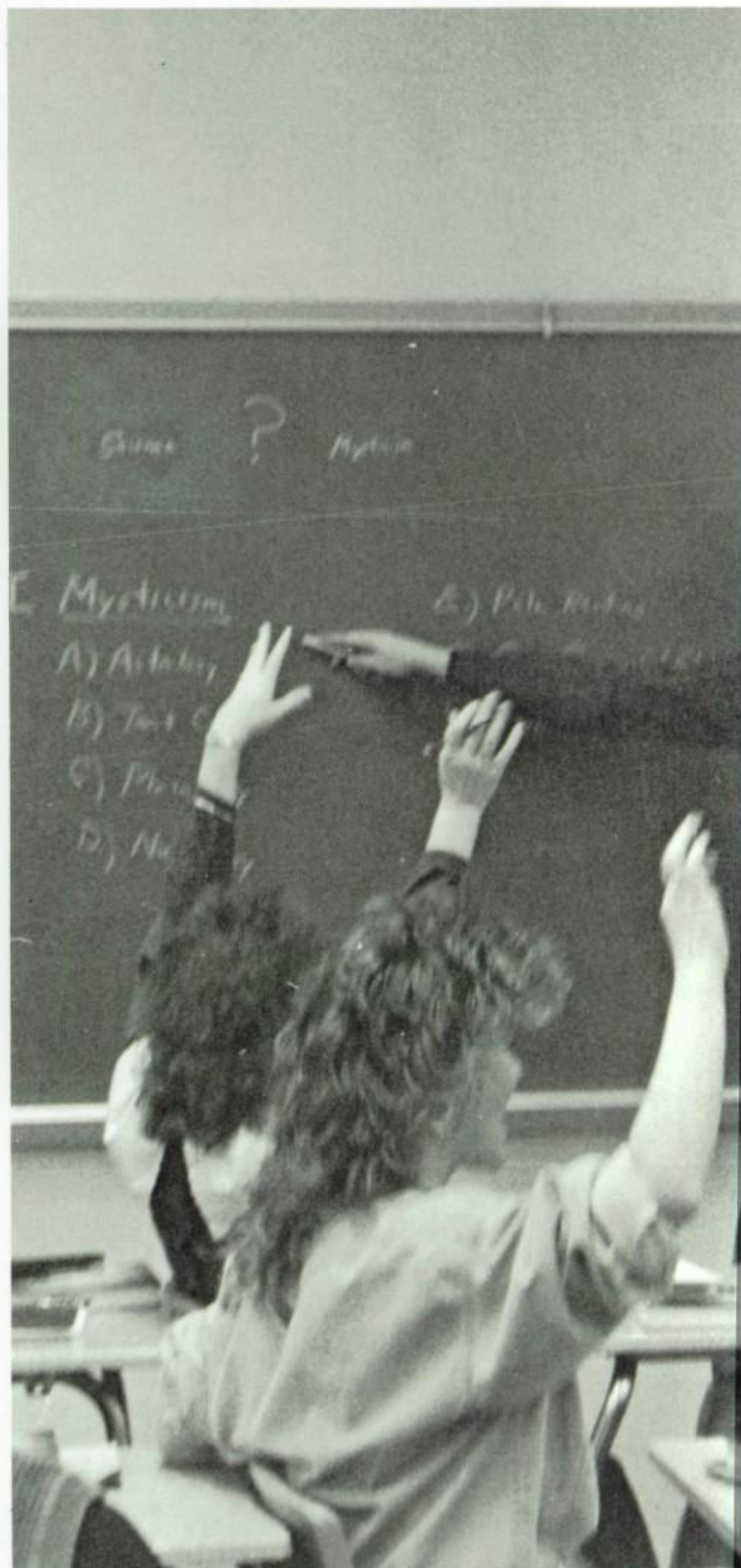
Math, Chem., and History—

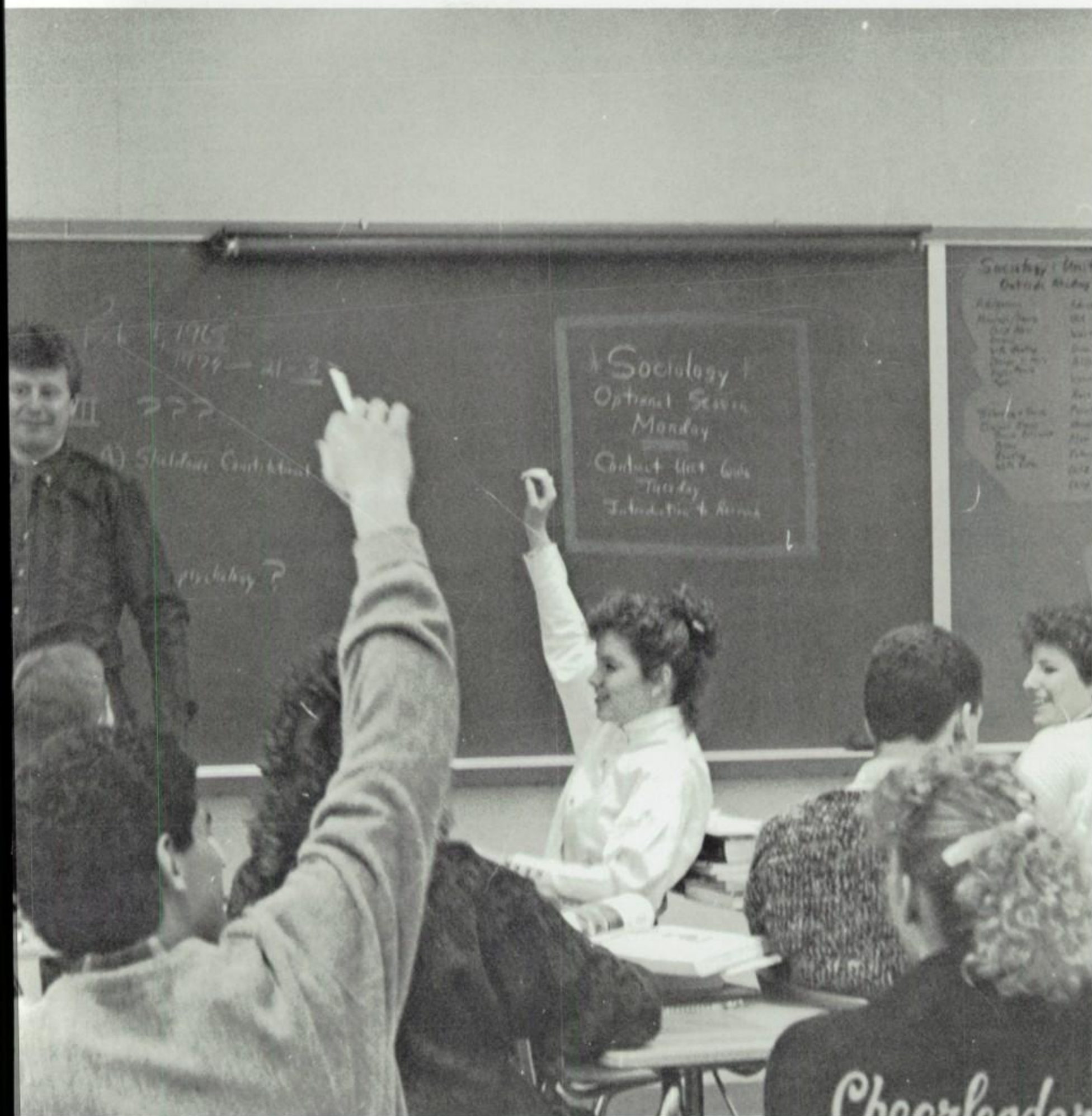
All these studies
are the key.

We study hard, do our best.

We finish the paper,
take the test.

And pull an all-nighter,
to do the rest.





The Beat Goes On

The sound of the cadence around the bend is the cue for the people; the Benton Central Marching Show Band is on its way. The band parades through the streets with drum majorette Kendra Kult and Krista Kirkham leading the way.

Summer though fall is time for outdoor playing; in parades, contests, and football games. The main event is the Indiana State Fair Marching Band Contest in which practices start in early June and last throughout August.

boys' and girls' varsity teams.

After the fame of basketball season, the band takes on the calmer notes of concerts and contests. Many enter Solo and Ensemble Contest, representing our school by coming home with high scores.

The highlight of the year was, of course, the trip to Florida. "To march with Mickey Mouse has always been a dream of mine", said Kendra Kult. With the tour lasting seven days, the band members grew closer and

... the whole crowd gets up to groove.

From the state fair into the school year, right onto the football field.

The half-time shows for football games, however, don't amount to the excitement in the half-time shows for basketball. "When the band strikes up 'Land of a Thousand Dances' the whole crowd gets up to groove", quoted Dave Harper, President of the Band Council. The band accompanies the Rhythmettes or Alicia Bane during the show and are the opening sounds for both the

darker only to come home for the closing months of school.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors take over for commencement exercises while the Senior members say good-bye, leaving the band a bit uneasy. But soon in June the band will all be on the right foot again (or is it the left foot)

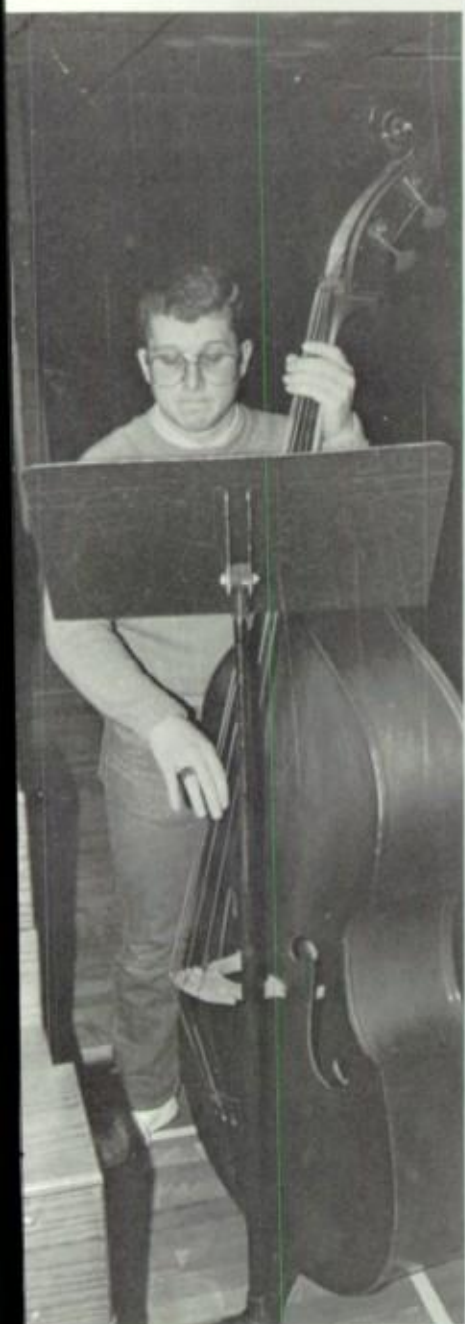
By Heather Little
and Becky Geswein

▲ Sophomore Kent Moore flashes a big one for Florida as Senior Roger Kult looks on.

► Senior Drum Major Kendra Kult leads the way in Florida.

► The trumpet section plays from the heart during football half-time.





◀ Bob Atkinson strums his stuff during half-time.

◀ Seniors Jason Crisp and Dave Harper ham it up for the camera before half-time.

Band Council

President
Dave Harper
Secretary
Krista Kirkham
Treasury
Sue Schirm
Rhythmette Rep.
Kristen Sprowl
Sophomore Rep.
Joe Deno



◀ Juniors Rob Sorenson and Tony Politz try to fill their time on the bus to Florida.

▲ No it's not superman; it's Mr. Kirkham directing the band.



"We've Got The Beat"

"Ladies and gentlemen we present to you the Rhythmettes of 1986-87."

As the announcer speaks these words twenty-two smiles enter the spot light for another performance. Be it basketball, football or a parade, these entertainers add sparkle to every season.

The fun all began after tryouts in the spring of '86, and continued into summer when twenty-two girls came

tention. This gave her a chance to go to Hawaii to perform at the Aloha Bowl.

After camp the Rhythmettes marched to the beat of the Bison Marching Show Band in a number of local parades to finish off the summer. Sophomore Nikki Rolan expressed her feelings about the parades as being the most exciting part of her year. From parades to football fields they danced to the

Rhythmettes did a great job of entertaining the crowds at the games," commented senior cheerleader, Sue Schirm.

The Rhythmettes were sponsored by Mrs. Bailey and worked under the leadership of senior captain, Shelley Gall and junior captain, Melva Pitts. "The girls were more unified and very helpful throughout the year," replied Mrs. Bailey.

We loved them all.

together as one at the Super Star Drill Team summer camp. The bonds of friendships grew stronger to help them attain the goals they had of winning the Shinning Star Award every day and of coming home with a trophy from the percision dance routine. When Kathi Smith received Superstar Girl for the second consecutive year, she became the center of at-

sounds of "Barbara Ann" and "I got the Music in Me." Football passed quickly and then suddenly, it was basketball season.

The Rhythmettes established half-time of the Varsity basketball games as "their show." With many different routines and outfits, the girls believed they had more fun dancing for the audience in the gymnasium. "I think the

Captains Shelley and Melva both were proud of the Rhythmettes this year and commented, "We loved them all."

Even after the curtain calls were over and the applause was no longer heard, these ladies smiled at the memories of being the 1986-87 Rythmettes.

By: Lori Wetli and
Heather Little

▲Senior Kathi Smith is recognized for being Superstar Girl.





Seniors Jack Bulington and Ben Hale lead the Rhythmettes to start their routine.

Cheer block formation before each game.



Kathi Smith, BC's first two-time winner of the Superstar Award:

"My trip to Hawaii and marching in the Aloha Bowl was by far the most exciting learning experience of my life."



Seniors Heather Little and Cathleen Schroeder presenting themselves as "#1."

▲ The 1986-87 Rhythmette Squad.

Do-Re-Mi

Throughout the school year the chorus class participated in many activities, such as Cabaret, carolling at area nursing homes, Christmas and Spring programs, and commencement practices. The class also traveled to Southwestern Middle School at which they sang in

the organizational contest and received a second in their division.

"Chorus was very educational. There was always something going on and I loved it!" said Sophomore Rebecca Green.

For the 1986-87 school year the officers were as fol-

... it's a real learning experience ...

lows:

President: Bridget Sondgerath

Vice President: Jody Hull

Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Tabert

"Some people think choir is a 'blow off' class, but it's a

real learning experience and I wish more people would join," said President Bridget Sondgerath.

"I enjoyed chorus because I met new people and it was a lot of fun," said Nelly Cantu.
by Kathy Tabert

Solo and Ensemble participants and their places:

Lisa Bacon:
First.

Tara Gordon
and Kathy Tabert:
First.

Diane Hocking:
Second.

Bridget Sondgerath:
Second.

▲Miss Shirley Robertson plays the piano for her chorus class.

▶Miss Robertson conducts the choir in preparation for contest.





▲ The choir poses for a formal picture in their robes.

▲ The chorus class strains as they try to hit the right note in warm up.

▲ The choir practices singing "Claim a Dream" for a contest piece.

◀ The choir prepares for their last performance of the year, graduation.

Baby Bison Stampede

THE STAMPEDE

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Although the **Stampede** was made up of young reporters, run by a fairly young editor-in-chief, and needed new equipment, the paper had a successful year.

Mike Beresford, fourth year advisor, felt that Tina Shelton did a very good job as editor-in-chief, especially for being a Junior. Shelton was also in charge of the News section which informs us of any school news and activities.

First semester Feature editor was Senior Tara Gordon and her assistant was Senior Kathy Tabert. Gordon and Tabert wanted the Feature

There were a few changes this year with the **Stampede**. The **Stampede** was printed in Williamsport by Warren Graphics vs. having our own school print the **Stampede** as in the past years. Like last year, the paper started out free of cost, but because of lack of funds, the students were charged twenty-five cents for their Stampede second semester.

Other second semester changes came in the Feature department, leaving Sophomore Amy Courtney as editor and Sophomore Susan Cyr as assistant. Sports editorship was turned over to

This year's staff was very young. I believe they did very well this year.

stories to interest the whole student body.

"I would have to say the Occult article was the most interesting because of the bizarre incidents that I learned from police and ministers, which have occurred in our local towns," said Tabert.

The Sports section was headed by Senior Leslie Hickman, who was in charge of keeping up with all sports and their seasons.

Junior Bryan Buck with his assistant Sophomore Mari Gick took care of the copy editing and word processing phase of the production.

Senior Mike Thurston and assistant Bryan Buck were called upon to take pictures for all occasions throughout the year.

Senior Wyatt Carmony, and circulation coordinator became Senior Alan Deno. Beresford thought the semester changes smoothed things out.

Beresford believed the biggest change the **Stampede** needed was some new equipment (like a darkroom and a word processor), but Beresford didn't see any changes in the near future.

When Beresford was asked how he thought the staff functioned as a whole, he replied, "This year's staff was very young. I believe they did very well this year. I think next year will be even better, and if we can update our equipment I think our publication could be improved."

by Toby Ringle



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▲The cover of our February 27, 1987 issue of the **Stampede**.

►Mr. Beresford checking over all of our mistakes.



1986-87 Staff

Tina Shelton, Amy Courtney, Susan Cyr, Wyatt Carmony, Beth Ransom, Mike Thurston, Alan Deno, Mari Gick, Dan Coffman, Bryan Deno, Tracie Hinton, Bill Powell, Jody Scolley, Chi-Chi Shoda, Bryan Buck, Neal Stepp.

▲ The 1986-87 newspaper staff group together for a picture.

◀ The staff working hard to beat the deadline.

▲ Sophomore Amy Courtney and Senior Chinami Shoda find newspaper class a good time.

Artists Take Awards

The Art classes were active this year under the direction of Miss LuAnn Lamie and Mrs. Gail Lange. Students entered contests all over the State.

Eight students were accepted to compete in the Scholastic Art Award at South Bend. The Scholastic Gold Key is a symbol of excellence. The Scholastic exhibit is a big show with the artwork of 504 students was exhibited. Pam Charlesworth and Jeanine Gresham received a Gold Key, and six other student received honorable mention.

Twelve students were accepted by the Tri Kappa art show. Three students received first place awards. Elisa Acosta (senior)—Fiber Sculpture, Jack Bulington

Sculpture went to Paula Hardebeck—First, and Heather Witt—Second. In oil Michelle Cooper got first, Heather Witt—second and Jody Scolley—third. Craft awards were Paula Hardebeck—first, Melissa Fording—second, and Heather Witt—Third. Awards in Design were Tereasa Fry, first and third, and Paula Hardebeck—second. In Watercolor awards went to Tereasa Fry got first, Jody Scolley—second, and Michelle Cooper—third.

Basic Art Awards went to Mickie Goodman—first and third, Kristal Senesac—second. Awards in Photo went to Jeanine Gresham—first and Karen Murray—second. In collage Terry Schere got first, Nickie Meece—second,

I think it was a fantastic year . . .

(senior)—Mixed Media Sculpture and Tanya Ladd (junior)—in Textiles.

On April 26, Benton Central held its annual Fine Arts Festival. The Senior awards were Best of show—Pam Charlesworth, Best Drawing—Neal Stepp, Best Sculpture—Tara Gordon, Best Illustration—Pat Bixler, Best Paper Sculpture—Kim Mermoud, Best Industrial Illustration—Eugene Balensiefer, and Best Design and Best Mixed Media—Bridget Sondgerath. The Cheryl Bobo Memorial award and Fletcher Art award went to Eugene Balensiefer.

The studio art awards in

and Shayna Carter—third. Design awards went to Jeanine Gresham—first, Tom Madison—second, and Jennifer Leinberger—third. Awards in Watercolor went to Jeanine Gresham—first place, Deb Anderson—second, and Mickie Goodman—third. In Drawing first place went to Krystal Senesac, Kris Jackson—second, Michelle Perkins—third.

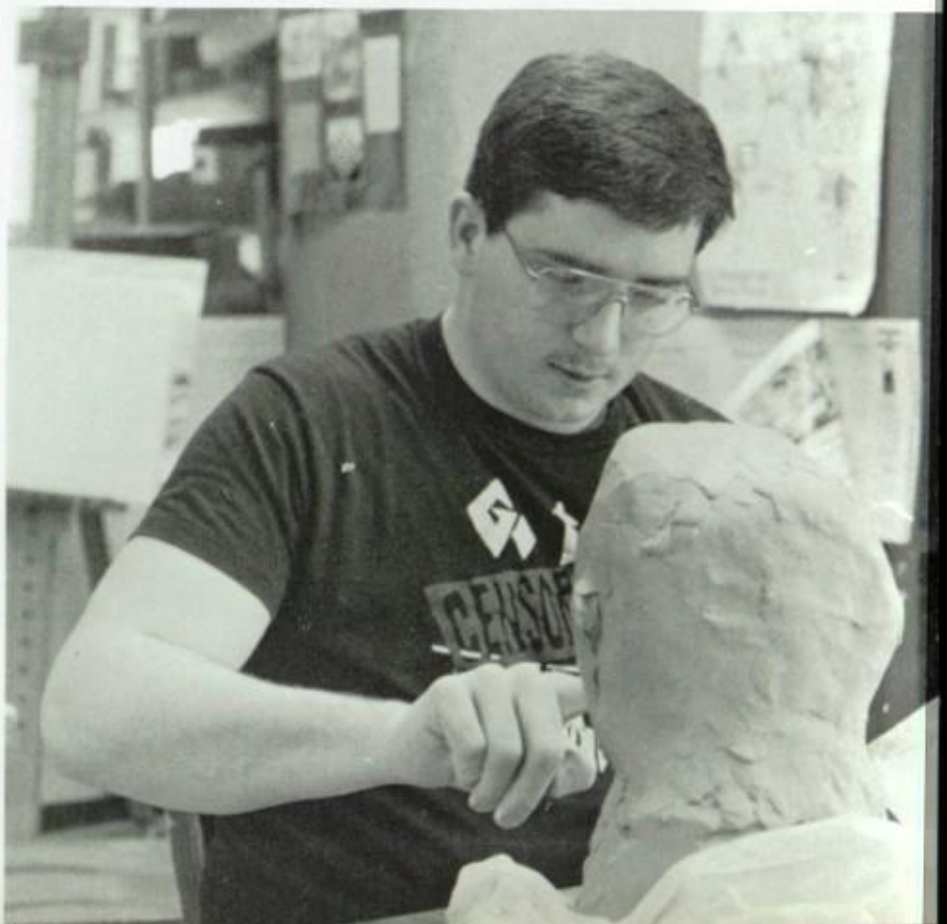
"I think it was a fantastic year! The Art Deptment has had many successes. Wonderful students, notoriety in major student shows and our interested public," said Lamie

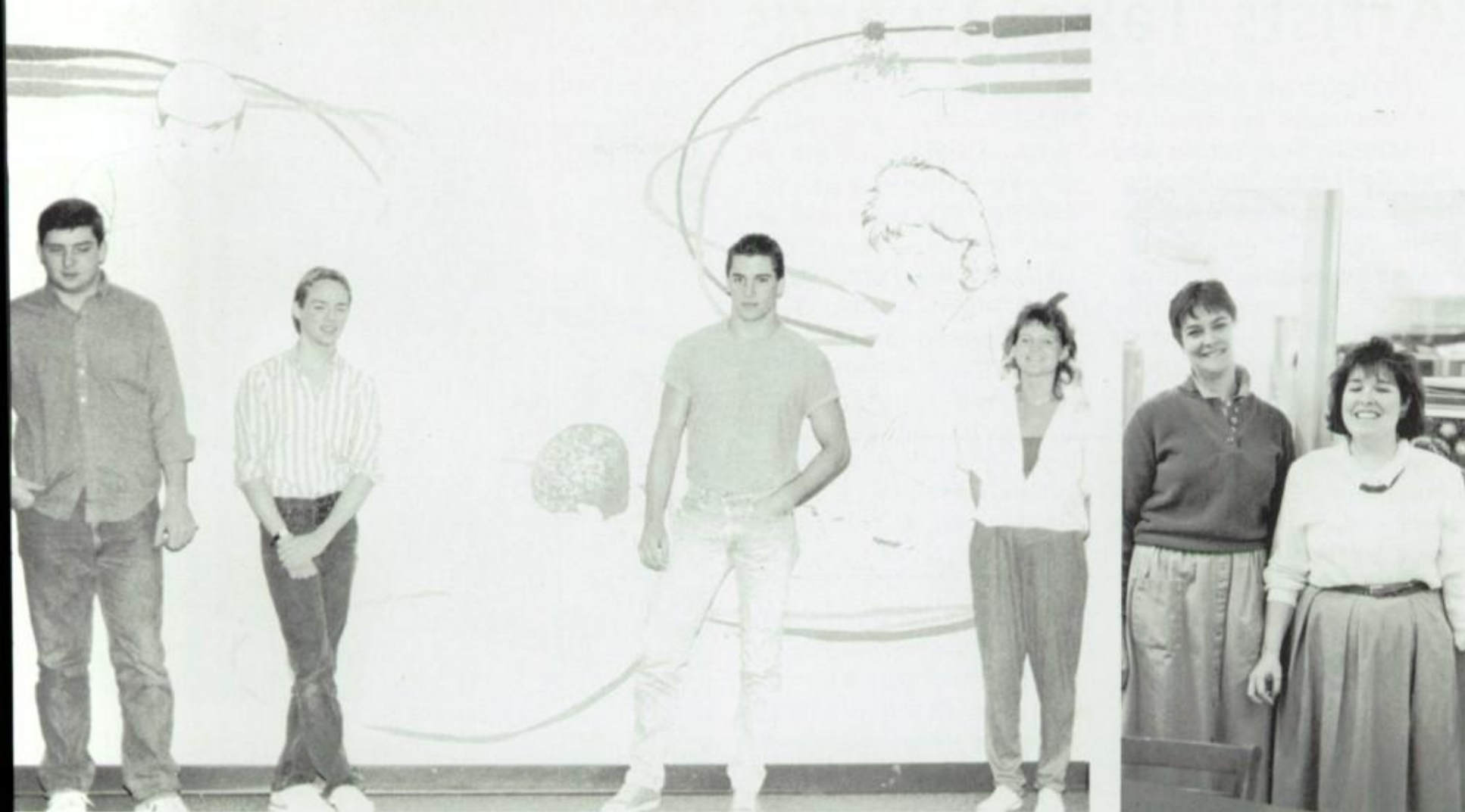
By: Karen Murray

▲Jeanine Gresham concentrates on her oil painting.

▲Pam Charlesworth with her Best of Show display.

▶Jack Bulington puts a smile on someone's face.





▲ Jack Bulington, Neal Stepp, Eugene Balensiefer, and Pam Charlesworth stand in front of a mural of portraits that Neal drew of the other three.

◀ A portrait by Bridget Sondgrath.

▲ Art teachers Miss. LuAnn Lamie and Mrs. Gail Lange.

▲ Eugene Balensiefer works on his pencil drawings.

Voc. Ag. Stays Busy

Vocational Agriculture advised by Mr. Whistler and Mr. Butcher, is committed "to training the agricultural leaders of tomorrow," said Whistler.

Vocational Ag is offered to grades 8 through 12. Sophomores specifically study soils,

"They are trying to figure out if it would make a profit," said Whistler, "but it looks as if they won't."

The horticulture class is landscaping a house. If it's good enough, it will be entered at the Indiana State Fair.

Training the leaders of tomorrow.

small engines and crop production.

Animal science, ag mechanics, farm business management, and horticulture are offered as electives.

This year the farm business management class has been planning a 560 acre farm.

If you like working on farm equipment, then maybe the ag mechanics class is for you. They meet two hours every day and work on trucks, tractors, paint wagons and other equipment.

By Jennifer Deno
Sally Gephart



▲Cheryl Weigle helps customers at the machinery auction.

►Voc. Ag. teachers look into the future on agriculture.

►Brian McCarty, livestock judging coach, teaches the young on how to judge.



Building on Success

Vocational building trades provides students with an opportunity to learn a variety of trades, such as masonry, brick—laying, electrical wiring, plumbing, painting, carpentry, and heating.

This program is a joint one with Tri—County, and Fron-

teir. There are 28 boys in the class and 17 of them are from B.C. The students worked at a building site in Otterbein for three credits per semester.

This vocational program doesn't find job placement for the students right out of

They are learning to work at a trade.

high school, but it allows the workers to have on the job experience by doing the actual building themselves.

Building trades has been offered since September 1969. They've built 18 houses in 18 years. Mr. Inman, their

instructor and a carpenter by trade, said, "Very few programs can say this and we're proud of our record."

By Sally Gephart
Jennifer Deno

◀Instructor Jeff Inman and two of his students read instructions carefully before installing a toilet.

◀Another fine accomplishment by the area vocational building trades department.

▲Building trades relaxes on their bus for a group shot.



Wedding Bells

Tears, rice, and nervousness becomes a part of B.C. at least a couple of times each year. A tradition that has been associated with Benton Central's Family Living Class, is their mock weddings.

One wedding is performed per class. Each wedding couple is selected on a volunteer basis. This year there were three weddings. The bride and groom for each wedding were Jody Hull and Dave Harper, Kim Happ and Tom Boehm, and Lisa Deno and Wyatt Carmony. Jody Hull and Dave Harper

both agreed that having a mock wedding makes them want to wait a long time until they each get married.

Each ceremony involves many preparations. For example, contacting a preacher, putting the wedding announcement in the newspaper, arranging for a photographer to be there, hiring a cater, and also arranging for an organist or a pianist. These are just a few of the things that go into planning a wedding. The class does all of the preparations. They break up into

It is a real experience.

groups and each group is assigned a specific area of arrangements to be made.

Reverend Jack Scott has been a pastor for four mock weddings.

"I think it is helpful when we can talk to the classes the day before and then go through the ceremony. It is a real neat experience. I find they take it very seriously," said Reverend Scott.

Although the wedding day is exciting and a main focus for the class the life cycle of a

family is studied. Dating and courtship are discussed. Speakers such as priests and ministers came in to talk about their church and marriage, mothers of adopted children came and talked about the adoption of their children, and in-laws spoke about special problems facing elderly parents. Lawyers also visited the class to discuss financial planning and legal matters.

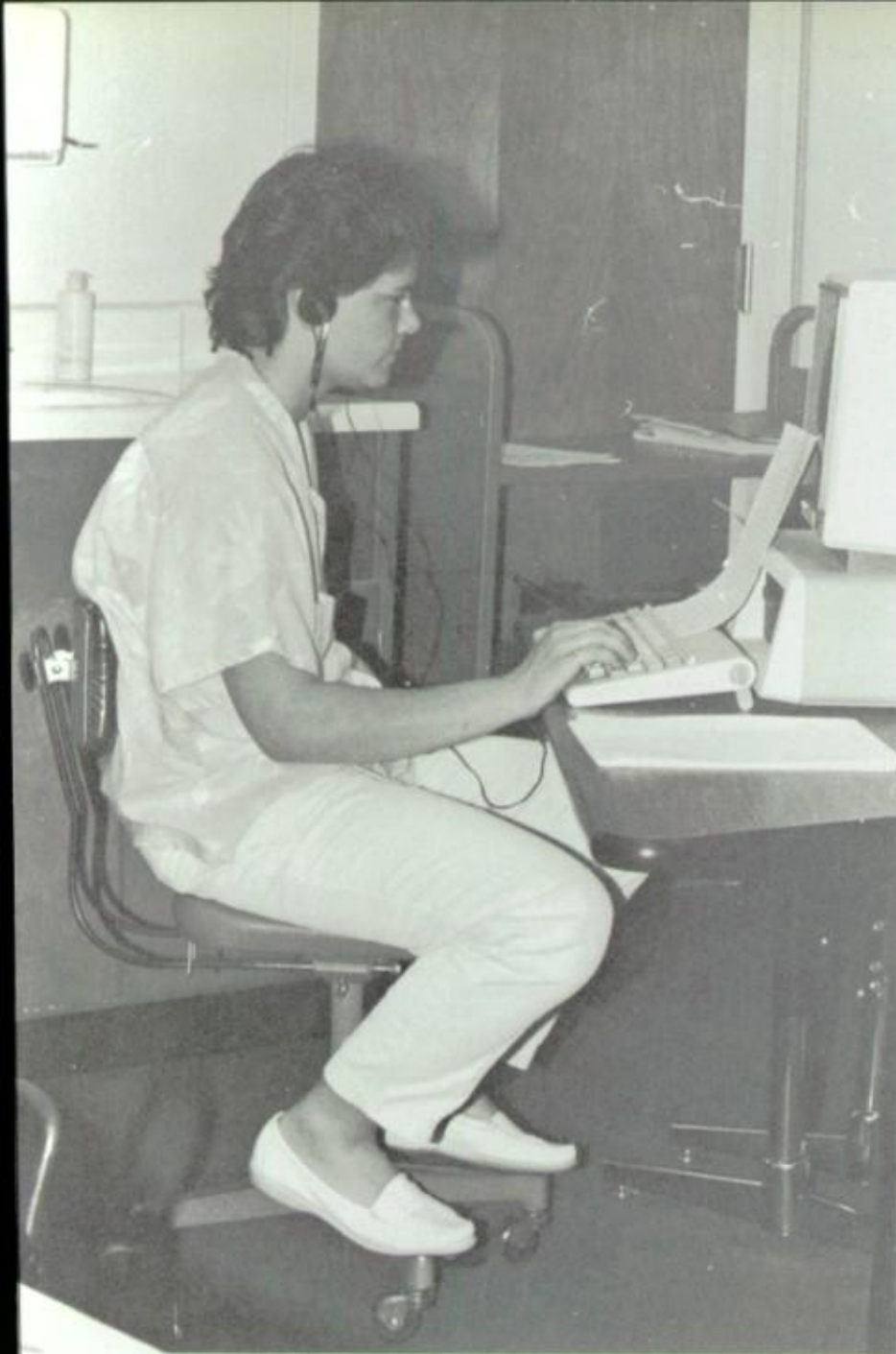
by Sally Gephart
and Sue Schirm

▲ Giving a hand, Tom Boehm helps his bride Kim Happ cut their wedding cake.

► The happily married couple, Dave Harper and Jody Hull pose for a picture.

► Open wide—Tom Boehm and Kim Happ share their wedding cake.





The New Look

The Business department changed in many ways this year. One big change was the replacement of the old electric typewriters with 30 new computerized models. The business lab also received new desks and chairs. Mrs. Winklepleck said, "The new desks and typewriters have changed the room to look more like an office instead of

a classroom. It helps the appearance."

An additional change involved changing the name of IOL (Intensive Office Lab) to ASP (Administrative Support Program). This was not a decision made by the Benton Central ASP students but by the state wide organization.

In May the ASP members traveled out into Benton

... changed the room to look more like an office.

County and some of the surrounding areas to work half days. This option for second year students let them work at a job for five weeks which the ASP program finds for them. The employer fills out an evaluation report which is used in grading the students.

ASP prepares students for jobs in accounting and other business related fields. Not only can the students go out into the business world right after high school but they might go on to college or a business college they desire.



▲Senior Marci Krug works busily on her computer.

◀Family Living teachers, Mrs. Schwartzel and Mrs. Laugheed, take a break from class to smile for a picture.

▶Business teachers group together for a photo.

▲Concentrating hard, Kevin Etter punches buttons on his calculator.

Body Makeover

Health is a state requirement that all students must pass before graduating. This is commonly accomplished in the freshman and sophomore years.

The health department taught a variety of practical skills. Hunters' Education for example taught students the rules of safety and gun handling. CPR is another course

that benefitted students and prepared them for unexpected emergencies.

Benton Central also brought in guest speakers from area hospitals who added professional experience in health and safety. Coinciding with the health department Benton Central's Physical Education course is also a requirement, once again tak-

... hand in hand ...

en in the early years of high school.

Students in P.E. all took part in the Presidential Physical Fitness Tests. If specific standards were met, the kids could win awards. Most kids however, fell in the average range in the nationally given tests.

Favorite activities for boys

P.E. classes were basketball, soccer and football. For the girls P.E. classes they were racket-sports, aerobics and swimming.

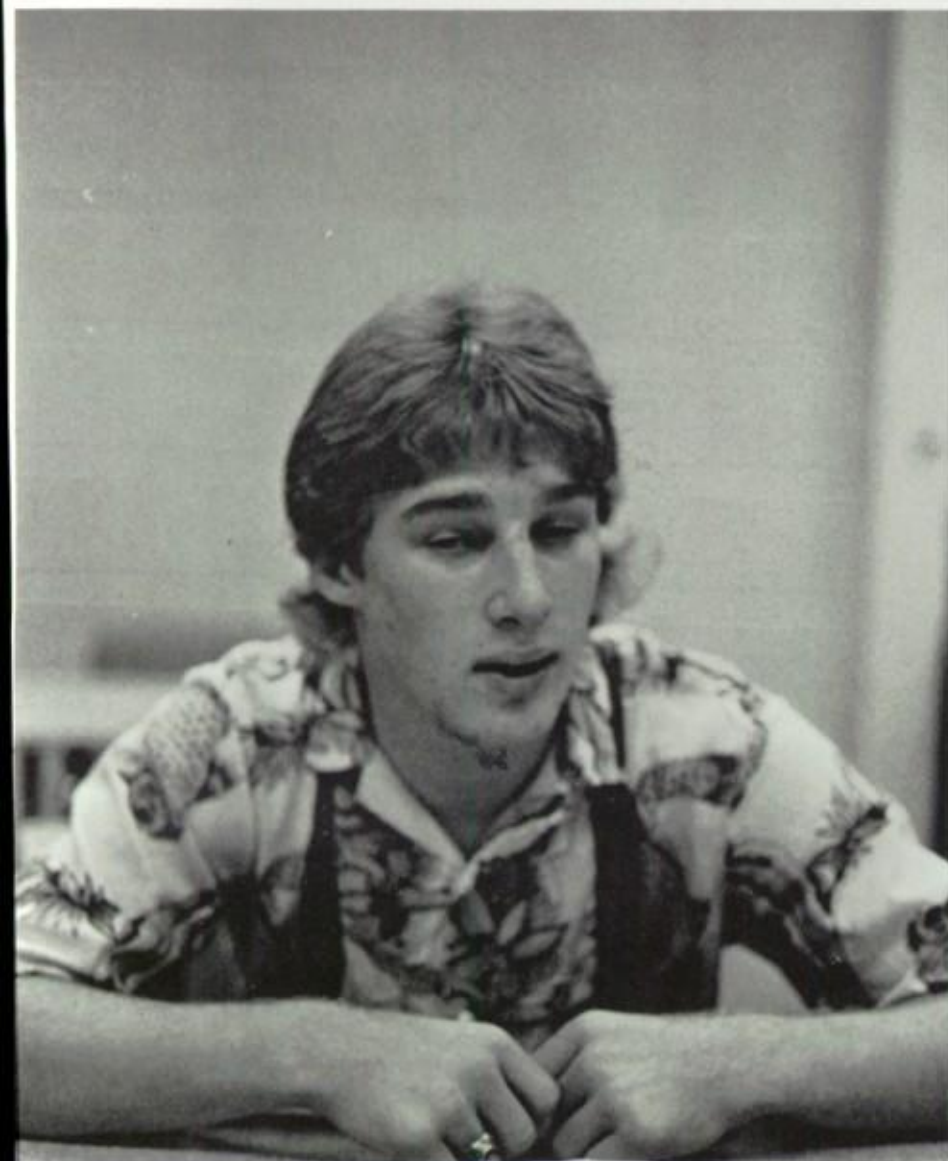
Health and P.E. go hand in hand and in the years to come the students who took these classes will benefit from them.



▲What's Marks temperature, Mrs. Zuege?

▲Hockey? On our new gym floor?

▲Health teachers Mr. Black and Mrs. Zuege.



◀ Brent Hudson wakes up for a picture.

▼ Another movie day with Mr. Black.

▼ Football is one of the favored P.E. activities.



Hablas Espanol Parles-tu Francais

Language is a vital part of everyday life. Knowing a foreign language broadens a student's vocabulary and increases their communication skills. It increases employment opportunities and helps to promote cultural exchange.

This year students taking French were encouraged to take an active part in learning experience. "Students are practicing in pairs or small groups and there is a lot of noise, but it is an organized noise," replied Mr. Florek.

The Spanish Club had a

... there is a lot of noise, but it is an organized noise ...

Taco Party in October where everyone chipped in on the necessities. In March they planned a Burrito Party, but it did not succeed because of failure to bring the food.

"Foreign Languages broaden a student's vision of the world and its people, but

they also help a student to appreciate their own culture," stated Miss Franklin.

"They make students aware of differences and similarities that exist between their own culture and the target language's culture."

By: Becky Geswein

Fourth year
Foreign language students.

French:
Karen Scheur-
ich

Spanish:
Valerie Taylor
Gloria Swindle
Karalee Smith

▲ Although they are busy, Miss Franklin (Spanish) and Mr. Florek (French) take time out for a picture.

► Sophomore Nikki Rolan works hard on her French assignment.

► Working in a group, these Spanish students smile for a picture.



Shakespeare and Co.

The English department has offered a new program to senior students this year. Students who are in the upper 50% of their class were able to take English for college credit. It is implemented through I.S.U. in Terre Haute and allows seniors to finish three hours of college English.

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Korty's junior and senior classes took an all day field trip to Purdue to see a comedy by Eugene O'Neil about growing up called *Ah Wilderness*.

The department is also trying to develop a new curriculum. They want more vo-

cabulary to prepare students for the Scholastic Aptitude Test incorporated for grades 7-12. The department also wants to get away from separate nine week units and install a more balanced semester-based curriculum.

For Mr. Korty's English classes, the students read *Macbeth* and *Hamlet*. *Oedipus Rex* and *A Man For All Seasons* were read with Mr. Ehresman. Mr. Ehresman also created packets of compositions from his advanced composition classes which he passed out to the faculty and students.

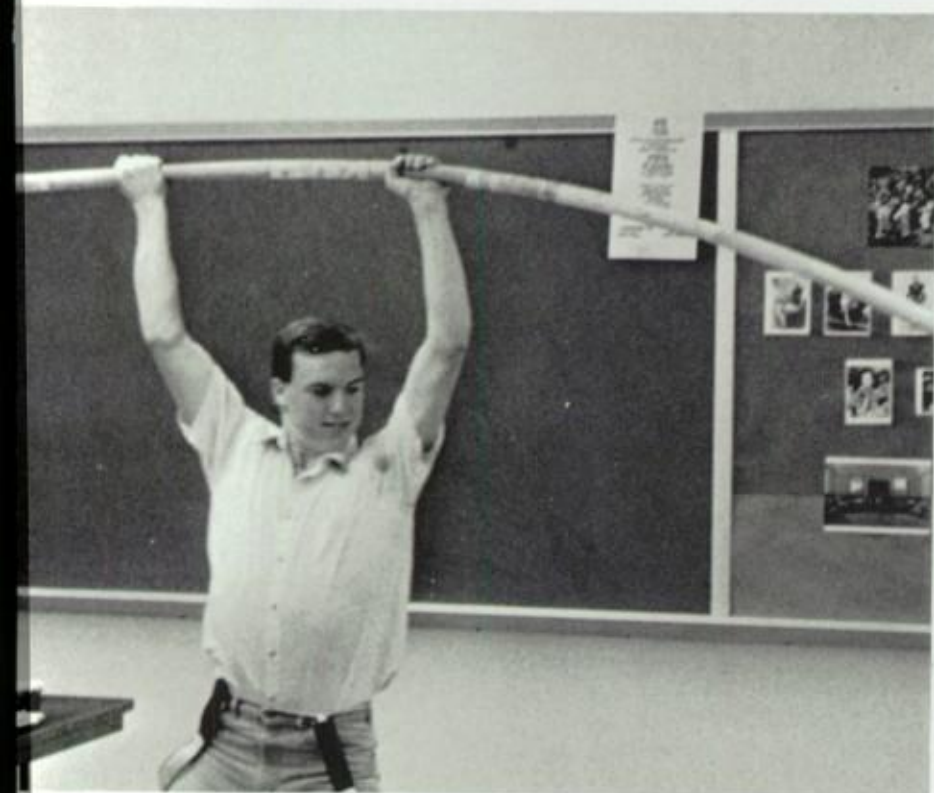
... creative writing as an elective ...

The English teachers would like to have more electives in English for students to take. "I would like to see a vocabulary class of Greek and Latin roots for anyone in grades 10-12," replied Mr. Ehresman. "I would also like to see creative writing return as an elective for

grades 10-12."

Finally, the State Department of Education is requiring four rather than three years of high school English as of 1988 and the BC English department is making plans for the increased enrollment in senior English.

By Becky Geswein



▲ Sophomore Amy Courtney putts for her demonstration speech.
◀ Matt Hale demonstrates pole vaulting in Sophomore English.

▲ The English staff: Rosemond McNeil, Steve Ehresman, Ned Stuckey-French, Joanne Williams, Larry Pierce, and Lou Korty. Not pictured: Mike Beresford, Joel McKinney.

Can Learning be FUN

Does the sound of Chemistry, Physics, and World History scare you? If so, luckily enough Benton Central offers these courses as optional. Although the rumor is that these courses are difficult and hard to pass, the majority of the students who have taken these classes disagree.

"Chemistry is what the individual makes out of it. If the individual studies, then the class is easy, although when the individual may decide

not to study, then the class may be hard," said Melissa Metzinger.

Other optional Social Studies and science courses at Benton Central are Psychology, Sociology, Human Physiology, and Astronomy. Because of State requirements, Benton Central also has mandatory courses. All students must pass Government and U.S. History to receive their diploma in late May.

... fun is also a part of learning ...

After students had enrolled in these "taboo" classes, they actually admitted they had some fun and learned a lot.

The Social Studies department was staffed by Mr. Elkins, Mr. Koehler, Mr. Wallpe, and Mr. Moehring. The Science department was staffed by Mr. Hoover, Mr. Patch, Mr. Purcell, and Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Hoover lifted off some of the pressure of physics class by having the students design their own boats that would have to run in our own pool here at B.C. The only catch was, the boats had to

be run by a mouse trap. The physics students also made their own kites from scrap later in the year.

Mr. Elkins often eases the boredom of the classroom by taking his students out into the hallways to conduct class.

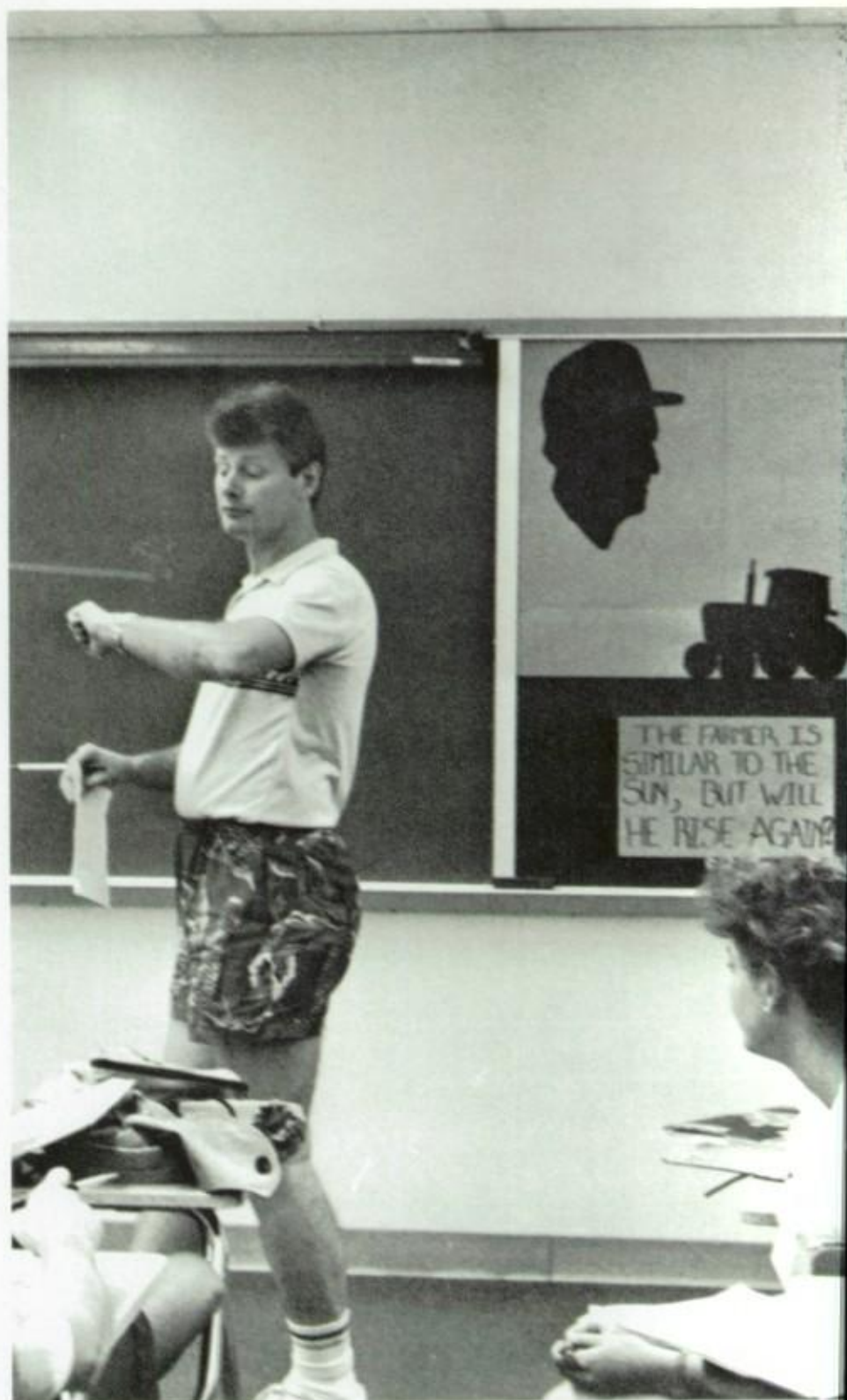
Mr. Moehring was also known for enlightening his class with many jokes and for making the students feel he was "one of them."

Hopefully, Social Studies and Science classes soon will no longer be a threat to students, and they will realize that having fun is also a part of learning.

by Toby Ringle

Even Mr. Elkins is a clock watcher in psychology.

Caralee Smith and Kim Mermude didn't find Government too depressing.





Mr. Koehler and his Government class take a break from class to pose for a picture.

Social Study Teachers: Mr. Moehring, Mr. Koehler, Mr. Wallpe, and Mr. Elkins.

Science Teachers: Mr. Patch, Mr. Petty, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Purcell, and Mr. Luenberger

Kathy Scheurich seems to be overloaded on Science books.

Glotzbach 1st in U.S.

Pat Glotzbach led the BC math team to a 13th place finish in the American Scholastic Mathematics Association contest. Pat got perfect scores on all 7 sections of the test to tie with only 3 other students for first place in the nation. Nearly 3,000 top math students from across the country took the test.

Of Pat's performance, Mr. Kozloski said, "He worked hard and felt a lot of pressure, but finally, he did a

loski, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ehresman and Mr. Murray continued to prepare students for the work world and college by teaching everything from algebra to geometry to calculus.

BC students "hacked" their way into the future by learning to use and program computers. Mrs. Davis introduced students to computer languages such as Basic, Cobal and Pasei. Mrs. Melette and Mrs. Halladay helped

They met the challenge.

great job."

Not only did Pat make history, so did the team as a whole. Their performance was BC's best ever. As Mr. Kozloski put it, "Mr. Murray and I knew it was a talented group before the year started and we challenged them to make the top 15 in the country. They met the challenge."

While the math team was the big news in the department this year, there was also business as usual. Mr. Koz-

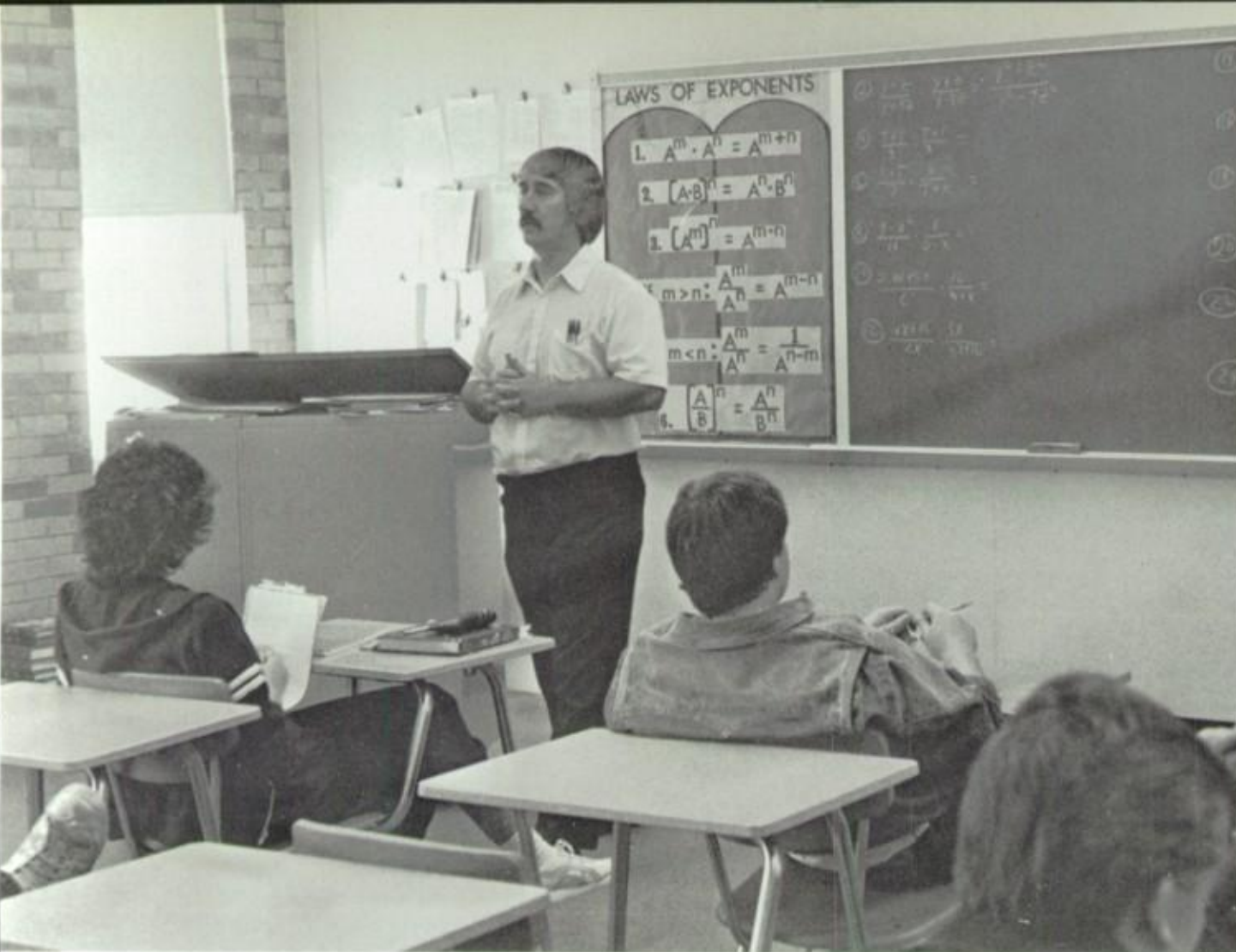
students apply computers to business, they taught word processing, data entry and computerized accounting. Mr. Harry Hoover helped keep the hardware in shape.

A number of students excelled in front of the terminals, but the outstanding students was Angel Hill who has taken a summer course in computer science at Purdue. Often outstanding hackers were Charlie Bryant and Pat Bixler.

► National math champ Pat Goltzbach nods off after crunching too many numbers.

► Business computer teachers Mrs. Mellette and Mrs. Halladay pose in the office lab.





BC Math Team
13th in the Nation
Charlie Bryant
Angel Hill
Annette Burris
Lynette Burris
Tim Doyle
Randy McIntyre
Mark Brown
Pat Bixler
Bud Clouse
Michelle Crain
Curt Puetz
Doug Schwartz
Mark Underwood
Glenn Hardebeck
Sandie Bird
Jill Hasser
Jamey Kirsch
Pat Glotzbach



▲Mr. Kozloski leads another ever-attentive class through the fine points of algebra.
 ◀Monica Daulton chuckles over her successful spread sheet.
 ◀Mr. Kozloski and student teacher Bill Lenaway celebrate jams day.
 ▼BC's top word processors-the OEA officers: (back) Lori Senesac, Charlotte Budreau, Beth Sturgeon; (front) Joy Hardebeck, Amy Wetli.



Academic Excellence Comes to BC

With the threat of fewer jobs in agriculture, BC's low S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores, and Indiana's low ranking of education nationwide, there is a push for better education. Academic activities have been a new trend at Benton Central in hopes to increase the low S.A.T. scores and Indiana's low ranking. The following activities took place in the 86-87 school year:

The Council for Academic

were intended to educate the students on how to study for and take the S.A.T.

Three students were selected to attend "The Presidential Classroom" in Washington, D.C., which is a week of workshops and seminars to educate students on our government and political affairs. When asked if it was a worth while cause, "Yes, definitely, if anyone has a chance to go to the "Classroom," they should go! Be-

Competition for Excellence sponsored the "Hoosier Spell Bowl" at Harrison High School. Benton Central competed in the second class division with Twin Lakes and Crawfordsville.

A summer Honors Seminar was held for the first time for honor students and was organized by Mr. Norm Elkins and Mr. John Koehler. The topic was the conflict in the Middle East. Students evaluated the conflict and held a

Approximately 15 students were chosen to attend the "World Affairs Conference" at Twin Lakes High School. There were other students from local schools and the topic was "Working Women."

This year the Model U.N. attended a conference at ISU and represented the countries of Syria, Nicaragua, Jordan, and, Britain. Later in the year a few students went to New York and attended a Na-

We wanted it to be fun and interesting yet challenging.

Excellence held a banquet and presented academic jackets to juniors and seniors who chose an academic or college bound curriculum and excelled in their class work. Present at the banquet were students, parents, teachers, members of the administration, and the board of education.

To prepare students for the S.A.T. Mr. Murray and Mr. Stuckey-French taught evening classes which met one night a week. The classes

sides being very educational, it was the most fun week of my life," said Jami Berry.

Eight students were selected to attend the "Hoosier Academic Super Bowl," sponsored by Indiana Academic Competition for Excellence. The questions covered the time period from c.1750 to c.1870. The four teams—English, Math, Social Studies, and Science—were sponsored by Mrs. Ora McGuire.

The Indiana Academic

mock peace conference to come up with some reasonable solutions. The students visited two consultants from Egypt and Israeli in Chicago and talked to three Purdue students from Palestine, Israel, and Lebanon.

"It was successful. I think the students really learned a lot. We wanted it to be fun and interesting but yet challenging. It was a unique experience since these things don't happen in school," said Elkins.

tional World Affair Conference, where schools from all over the United States came to represent a different country. Benton Central represented the country of Burnei.

Other leadership seminars that B.C. students attended were: "Visions of the Future" sponsored by Hudson Institute and Senator Quvala "Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders" sponsored by Senator Lugar, and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminars.

By Toby Ringle



▲The US delegation at the mock Mideast negotiations.

►LoriBeth Payne, Jami Berry and Leslie Hickman go from BC to DC





BC's version of the Palestinian Liberation Organization prepares for mock negotiations in the summer honors seminar.

1987's Academic Innovations

Academic Letter Jacket

Spelling Team

Quiz Bowl

Evening SAT Class



Ready to go to war for peace, the Model UN delegates take a trip to Indiana State.

The Spelling Team gathers amidst dictionaries and reference books for a team picture.

SENIORS

*Our times together
may not last forever
but someday we'll meet again,
Together we've grown
into a true love well known
Treasure the class of
Eighty Seven!*





Lisa Acosta

Alicia C. Ade-NHS-11,12;
French Club-11; Pep Band-10;
Concert Band-10; Marching
Band-10; Girls Track-10; Intra-
murals-11,12; HGS Delegate-
12; Wrestlette-12

Steven L. Ade-Art-10; FCA-
10,11,12; Football-10,11,12;
Boys Track-10; Wrestling-
10,11,12; Intramurals-11,12

Jodi R. Anderson-FCA-10;
Spanish Club-10; Softball-
10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11;
Spanish Club Secretary-10

Tony Anderson-Pep Band-
10,11,12; Concert Band-
10,11,12; Marching Band-
10,11,12; Baseball-10,11,12;
Wrestling-10; Intramurals-
10,11,12

Lisa Andrews

Eugene Balensiefer-NHS-
11,12; Football-10,11,12;
Wrestling-10,11,12; Intramur-
als-10,11,12

Teresa M. Baxter-Pep Band-
10,11,12; Concert Band-
10,11,12; Marching Band-
10,11,12; Thespians-12;
Softball-10,11,12; Intramurals-
10; JA Marketing Vice Presi-
dent-11,12; JA Vice President
Personnel & Corporate Secre-
tary-10

Jami Ann Berry-FCA-10,11,12;
NHS-11,12; Pep Band-
10,11; Concert Band-10,11;
Marching Band-10,11; Thespi-
ans-10,11,12; Rhythmettes-11;
Swing Choir-10,11; Girls Ten-
nis-10,11,12; Cheerleading-
10,11,12; Intramurals-12; FCA
President-12; Class Secretary-
10; Yearbook Staff-11,12;
Yearbook Business Manager-
11,12; Newspaper Staff-11;
HGS Alternate-12; All Ameri-
can Cheerleader Finalist-11;
Superstar Girl Nominee-11;
Presidential Classroom Candi-
date-12; Powderpuff-10,12;
Tennis Co-Captain-12; Beaver
Cleaver Club-10,11,12

Sandii Bird-Art Club-10,12; In-
tramurals-10

Patrick Brian Bixler-Art Club-
10,11,12; Chess Club-10; Game
Theory President-12; Game
Theory Secretary-11; Chess
Team-11,12

Thomas Boehm-Boys Basket-
ball-10,11,12; Baseball-
10,11,12; Football-11

Tina M. Braid-Special Social
Club

Katrina Brost-Art Club-10;
DECA-12; Student Union-12;
Cheerleading-10; Intramurals-
10,11,12; DECA Vice Presi-
dent-12

Kevin J. Brost-DECA-11,12
Susan Brouillette-Student
Union-10; NHS-11,12; Girls
Swimming-11,12; Intramurals-
10,11,12; JA President-11,12;
Class Secretary-11,12; JA-
10,11,12; Academic Excellence





Leah L. Brown-Art Club-10,11,12; Spanish Club-10,11; Softball-10; Intramurals-10
Charlie Bryant-Chess Club-10,11,12; Intramurals-11,12
Charlotte A. Budreau-OEA-11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; OEA Historian-12; JA-10,11,12; JA Vice President Personnel Corporate Secretary-12
Annette K. Burris-NHS-11,12; French Club-10,11,12; Thespians-11,12; Girls Tennis-10; Intramurals-10; French Club Treasurer-12



Lynette S. Burris-NHS-11,12; French Club-10,11,12; Thespians-11; Girls Tennis-10,11,12; Intramurals-10
Angie Burton-Intramurals-11
Jason A. Burton-Pep Band-10; Marching Band-10; Baseball-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
James A. Cackley-Intramurals-10,11,12; Building Trades-11,12



Nelly Cantu-Art Club-10,11,12; FHA-10,11,12; Girls Swimming-12
H. Wyatt Carmony-FCA-10,11,12; Thespians-11,12; Boys Track-10,11; Cheerleading-11,12
Mike Charlesworth
Pamela Foster Charlesworth-Art Club-10,11,12; FFA-12; NHS-11,12; Rhythmettes-11; Cheerleading-10,11; Intramurals-10,11,12; Homecoming Queen-12



Bud Clouse-Chess Club-10,11,12; Boys Track-12; Boys Cross Country-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Dan Coffman-Boys Basketball-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Don Cooley
Vince Coors-Football-10,11,12; Wrestling-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12

Jason Crisp-Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Jazz Band-10,11,12; Cheerleading-12; Intramurals-10,11,12

Matt Daws

Kris Deckard-FCA-11; OEA-12; Powder Puff-11,12; Intramurals-11,12

Rhonda Delaney-Art Club-11,12



Alan Deno-FFA-10,11,12; Wrestling-10; Intramurals-11,12; FFA Third Vice President-12

Bryan Patrick Deno-Chess Club-11,12; Radio Club-11,12; Thespians-11,12; Intramurals-11,12



Lisa A. Deno-DECA-11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12

Jay Dixon-Boys Basketball-11; Intramurals-10,12

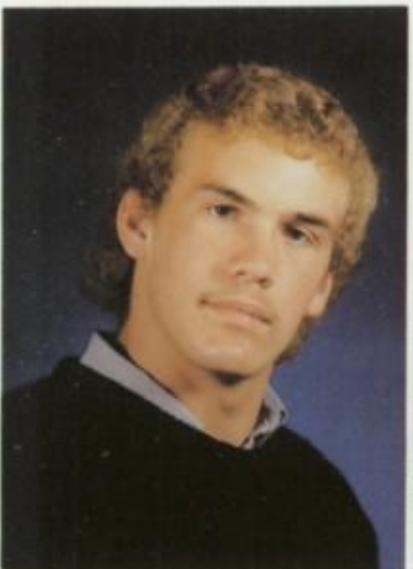


Joe Dixon-Building Trades-11,12; Boys Basketball-10,11,12; Baseball-10,12; Boys Tennis-11

Tim Doyle-NHS-11,12; Boys Basketball-10,11,12; Boys Tennis-11,12; Boys Golf-10,11,12; NHS Vice President-12

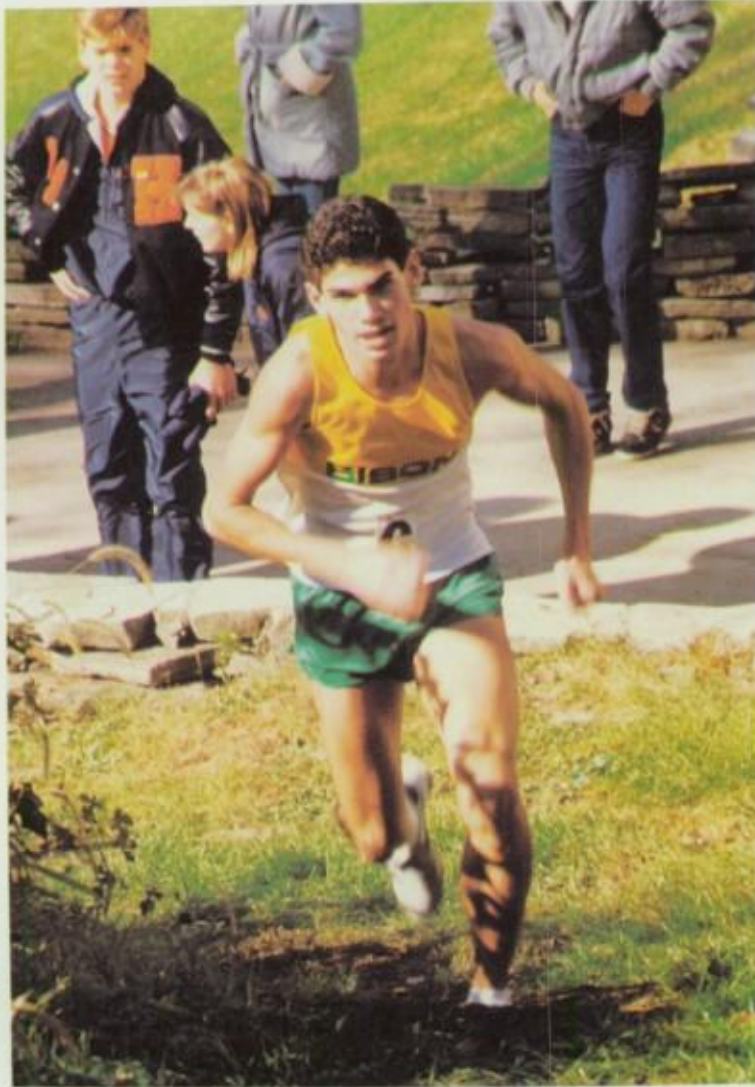
Jim Dwenger-FFA-10,11,12; Intramurals-11,12

Kevin M. Eberle-Chess Club-10,11,12; French Club-10; Football Manager-11,12; Boys Basketball Manager-10,11,12; Model U.N.-11,12





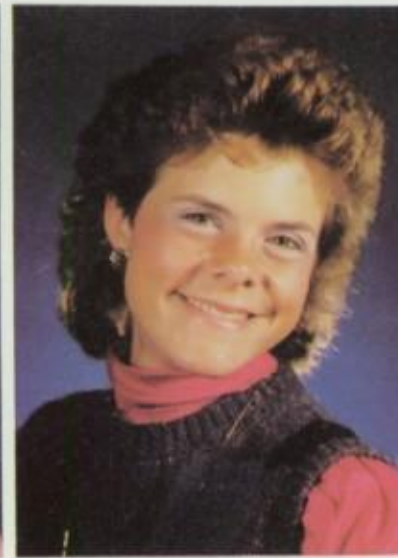
Michael Eberle-Chess Club-10
Michelle A. Elliott-Art Club-10,11,12; Intramurals-12
Steve Etter-Boys Golf-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Kimberly A. Everly-Student Union-10; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Thespians-12; Intramurals-10,12; Representative-at-Large-10; Powder Puff-11; JA-11,12



Aaron Fisher
Stephanie D. Fry-DECA-11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Softball-10; Cheerleading-12; Intramurals-10,12; DECA President-12



Tim Fultz
Shelley Gall-Student Union-12; NHS-11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Rhythmettes-10,11,12; Volleyball-10,11,12; Girls Basketball-10,11; Girls Track-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; Student Union Treasurer-12



Kem Garriott-OEA-10,11; Pep Band-10,11; Concert Band-10,11; Marching Band-10,11; Intramurals-10,12
Becky Geswein-Student Union-11; OEA-10,11; Pep Band-10; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10; Rhythmettes-11,12; Girls Tennis-10,11; Intramurals-11,12; Powder Puff-10,11
Dawn M. Gick-Art Club-10,11,12; Spanish Club-10,11; Pep Band-10; Volleyball-10; Softball-10
Denny Glotzbach-Chess Club-10; FFA-10,11,12; NHS-11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Jazz Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Thespians-11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12

Greg Glotzbach

Patrick J. Glotzbach-NHS-11,12; Pep Band-11,12; Concert Band-11,12; Marching Band-11,12; Thespians-11,12; Boys Tennis-11,12

Cristina Rojas Gonzalez-Exchange Student-12

Timothy E. Goodson-Football-10; Wrestling-10



Tara L. Gordon-Art Club-10,11,12; FCA-10,11,12; OEA-10; Choir-10,11,12; Girls Track-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; Powderpuff-10,11,12; Newspaper Staff-11,12; Yearbook Staff-11; JA-10,11; Newspaper Feature Editor-12; Beaver Cleaver Club-10,11,12

Arleen F. Groen-Art Club-10

Benjamin L. Hale-Football-11,12; Intramurals-11,12

Kim S. Happ-FCA-10,11,12; OEA-12; Girls Track-10,11,12; Girls Cross Country-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12



Glenn Hardebeck-NHS-11,12; Intramurals-10,12

Harold Hardebeck-Chess Club-10,11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Jazz Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Boys Tennis-11; Boys Golf-10; Intramurals-11,12

Joy Hardebeck-OEA-10,11,12; Thespians-12; Intramurals-11; OEA President-12

Dave Harper-FFA-10; Student Union-10,11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Jazz Band-11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Boys Tennis-12; Intramurals-10,11,12; Student Union President-12; Band Council President-12; Band Council Vice President-11; Representative-at-Large-10,11,12



Deb Hayworth-DECA-11,12

Leslie Hickman-FCA-10; NHS-11,12; Girls Basketball-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12

Angel L. Hill-Student Union-11,12; NHS-11,12; Volleyball-11,12; Girls Basketball-10,11; Girls Tennis-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; NHS President-12; Student Union Vice President-12; Class Treasurer-11; Beaver Cleaver Club-10,11,12

Jonathan L. Hill-Wrestling-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; Building Trades-11,12





Tracie Hinton-DECA-11; Softball-12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Diane E. Hocking-Art Club-10,11,12; FCA-12; French Club-10,11; Softball-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; Girls Basketball Manager-12
Phillip A. Hollis-FFA-10,11,12; Boys Basketball-10,11,12; Baseball-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; FFA President-12; FFA Secretary-10,11
Mary Holscher-DECA-11; OEA-12



Jody Hull-Art Club-12; Choir-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Barbara E. Jenkins-OEA-11,12; Intramurals-11,12
Shannon Johnson-FFA-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; FFA President-10
Brenda Jones-Art Club-10,11; DECA-11,12; Volleyball-10; Intramurals-10,11,12



Gregory T. Jones-I-Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Football-10,11,12; Wrestling-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Claudia Kierok-Exchange Student-12
Jamey Kirsch-FFA-10; Student Union-10; Boys Track-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; Class President-10
Benjamin Knowles-Wrestling-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12



Mary C. Krug-OEA-10,11,12; Softball-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Kendra L. Kult-FCA-10; Student Union-12; OEA-11; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Cheerleading-10; Intramurals-10,11,12
Roger A. Kult-Radio Club-11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Thespians-10,11,12; Boys Tennis-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; Thespians President-12
Lorie Lynn Leinberger

Heather J. Little-FCA-10,11;
Student Union -10,11,12; NHS-
11,12; Pep Band-10; Marching
Band-10; Rhythmettes-11,12;
Girls Track-10,11,12; Girls
Cross Country-10,11,12; Intra-
murals-10,11,12; Class Presi-
dent-11,12; FCA President-11;
Student Union Vice President-
11; Student Union Secretary-
12

Sandra Little-OEA-10,11,12;
Intramurals-11,12

Beth Mailloux-FCA-10; NHS-
11,12; Marching Band-
10,11,12; Rhythmettes-
10,11,12; Girls Track-10; Girls
Swimming-11; Girls Golf-10;
Intramurals-10; JA-10

Cindy Martin-OEA-12; Pep
Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-
10,11,12; Marching Band-
10,11,12; Intramurals-
10,11,12; Bat Girl-10

Mike Martin

Robert McIntyre-Football-
10,11,12; Wrestling-10,11,12;
Intramurals-10,11,12

Kelly S. McLean-Student
Union-11; NHS-11,12; Pep
Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-
10,11,12; Jazz Band-12; March-
ing Band-10,11,12; Intramur-
als-10; Wrestlerette-11,12
Missy Meece

Kimberly Sue Mermoud-Art
Club-10,11,12; Spanish Club-
10,11

Chad D. Miller-Spanish Club-
11; Baseball-10; Boys Tennis-
11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12

Stacey N. Minier-FFA-11; Boys
Basketball-10,11,12; Baseball-
10,11,12; Intramurals-10

Dawn Molter-OEA-12; Volley-
ball-11; Girls Basketball-10;
Softball-10; Intramurals-
10,11,12





William D. Molter-FFA-10,11,12; Wrestling-10
James Moyars-Chess Club-10,11,12; FFA-10,11,12; Pep Band-10; Concert Band-10; Marching Band-10; Boys Swimming-11,12; Intramurals-11,12
Nels Muller-Boys Swimming-10,11,12
Dana L. Nelson-Rhythmettes-10; Volleyball-10; Softball-10; Intramurals-10,11,12



Vickie Michelle Niccum-French Club-10,11; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Intramurals-10
John Noerenberg-Football-11,12; Baseball-10,11,12; Wrestling-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,12



Dave Orr-Chess Club-10,11,12; DECA-12
Loribeth Payne-Art Club-11; French Club-10; Pep Band-10,11; Concert Band-10,11; Marching Band-10,11; Thespians-11,12; Intramurals-10; JA-10,12



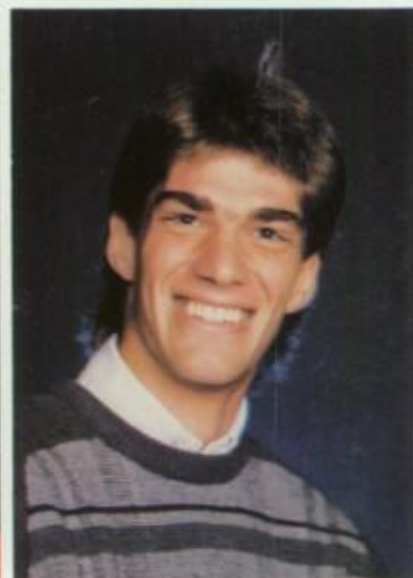
Paula Piercy-Spanish Club-11; Concert Band-10; Marching Band-10; Intramurals-10
Katrina L. Pilotte-Student Union-10,11,12; Volleyball-11; Softball-10,11; Cheerleading-10; Intramurals-10,11,12
Curt Anthony Puetz-NHS-11,12; Pep Band-10; Concert Band-10; Marching Band-10; Boys Basketball-10,11; Boys Tennis-11,12; Boys Golf-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; Class Treasurer-10,12
Jason Raines-Intramurals-10,11,12

Sean Reynolds-Boys Basketball-10,11,12; Baseball-10,12; Boys Tennis-11; Intramurals-11
Michael T. Richey
Sheri L. Richey-OEA-12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Toby L. Ringle-FCA-11,12; Spanish Club-10; Boys Tennis-10; Intramurals-10; Yearbook Staff-11,12; Newspaper Staff-11,12; JA-10,11; Beaver Cleaver Club-10,11,12

Lori Roberts
Michael L. Rohan-FFA-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11; Marching Band-10,11; Boys Swimming-10,11,12
Mike Russel
Karen L. Scheurich-French Club-10,11,12; Intramurals-10; French Club President-11,12

Kathy Scheurich-NHS-11,12; French Club-10,11,12; Girls Tennis-10,11,12; Girls Swimming-10,11,12; French Club President-10; French Club Secretary-11; JA-10,11,12
Scott Schindler-FFA-10,11,12; Boys Swimming-10
Sue Schirm-NHS-11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Jazz Band-12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Softball-11; Girls Tennis-10; Cheerleading-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; Class Vice President-10,11,12; Yearbook-10; Editor-in-Chief-11,12; All American Cheerleader Finalist-12; Homecoming Court-11,12
Brent Schmidt-Boys Tennis-11,12; Boys Golf-11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12

Cathleen R. Schroeder-Pep Band-10,11; Concert Band-10,11; Marching Band-10,11; Rhythmettes-10,11,12; Girls Tennis-10,11,12; Girls Swimming-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; Powderpuff-12
Steven E. Schroeder-NHS-11,12; Boys Basketball-10,11,12; Boys Tennis-11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12
Douglas A. Schwartz-NHS-11,12; Football-11,12; Wrestling-10,11,12; Intramurals-11,12; NHS Treasurer-12
Chris Senesac-Intramurals-10,11,12





Lori Senesac-NHS-12; OEA-12; Girls Basketball-10,11,12; Girls Track-10,11,12; Intramurals-11,12; OEA Treasurer-12
Cynthia M. Shoemaker-Powerpuff-10,11
Chinami Shoda-Exchange Student-12
Tina M. Sillings-Chess Club-10,11; FCA-12; Softball Manager-10



Louise Sizemore- Art Club-11,12; Special Social Club-10,11,12
Christine Skoog-DECA-11,12; Pep Band-10; Concert Band-10; Marching Band-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; DECA Vice President-11; DECA Secretary-12; DECA District Vice President-12
Karalee Smith-Chess Club-10,11; FCA-12; Softball-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,12
Kathi Smith-Concert Band-10,11; Rhythmettes-10,11,12; Girls Track-10; Girls Swimming-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; Wrestlerette-11,12; Rhythmettes Captain-11; Powderpuff-12; Superstar Girl-11,12



Bridget Sondgerath-Art Club-10,1,12; Student Union-12; Intramurals-10,11,12; Chorus President-12; Chorus Vice President-11; Powderpuff-10,11,12
Ann Sondgeroth-NHS-11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Rhythmettes-11,12; Girls Basketball-10,11; Girls Track-10,11; Girls Cross Country-11
Pam Sowers-Spanish Club-12; Choir-11
Lee Sproull-Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Jazz Band-11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Boys Golf-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12



Kristen Sprowl-Student Union-10,11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; Rhythmettes-11,12; Intramurals-10,12; Representative-at-Large-12; Powderpuff-10,11,12
Melissa M. Stephenson-OEA-11,12; Powderpuff-10,11,12
Neal Stepp-Art Club-10,11,12
Beth Ann Sturgeon-OEA-11,12; Pep Band-10,11,12; Concert Band-10,11,12; Marching Band-10,11,12; OEA Secretary-12

Steve Summers

Gloria M. Swindle-Art Club-10; Spanish Club-10,11,12; Girls Tennis-10; Intramurals-10,12

Kathy L. Tabert-FCA-10,11,12; Student Union-11,12; Swing Choir-11; Choir-10,12; Girls Tennis-10,11,12; Girls Swimming-11,12; Cheerleading-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; Representative-at-Large-11,12; Yearbook-11,12; Newspaper-11,12; Powderpuff-10,12; Newspaper Feature Editor-12; Beaver Cleaver Club-10,11,12

Valerie J. Taylor-Chess Club-11; FCA-12; Softball-10,11; Intramurals-10

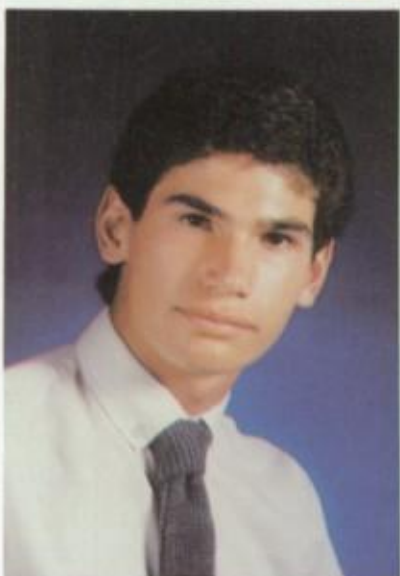


Michael Thurston-FCA-11,12; Boys Track-10,11,12; Boys Cross Country-10,11,12

Troy L. Tucker-FFA-10,11,12; Baseball-10; Intramurals-10,11,12; FFA Vice President-10

Mark Underwood-FFA-10,11; NHS-11,12; Football-10,11,12; Baseball-10; Wrestling-10,11,12

Joshua Vaughan-Boys Golf-10,11,12; Intramurals-11,12



Shannon Wallace-FFA-10,11,12; Football-11,12; Intramurals-10,11,12; FFA Treasurer-12; Boys Basketball Stats-12

Tracie M. Walters-OEA-12; Intramurals-10; Boys Basketball Stats-10,11; Cross Country Stats-10; Track Stats-10

Kristi M. Watson-Art Club; DECA-11; Intramurals-10,11; Powderpuff-10

Cheryl M. Weigle-FFA-10,11,12; Volleyball-10,11

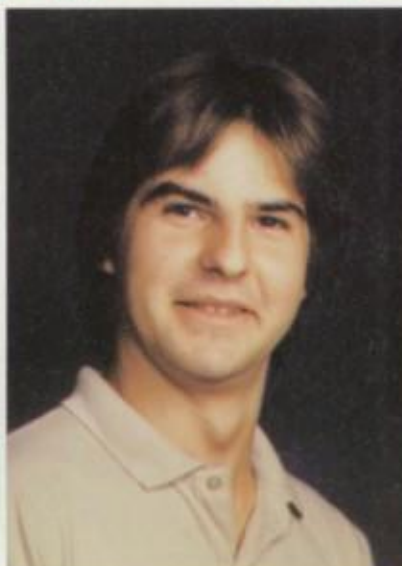


Amy Wetli-NHS-11,12; OEA-10,11,12; Intramurals-11; OEA Vice President-12; NHS Secretary-12

Lori Wetli-Student Union-10,11,12; Rhythmettes-10,11,12; Softball-10; Intramurals-10,11,12

Troy Wheeler

Susan Weisenberger-OEA-12; JA Vice President of Finance-11,12; JA-10,11,12; Boys Basketball Stats-11; Track Stats-10,11,12





Lisa Windler-Art Club-12, Volleyball-10,11,12; Girls Basketball-10,11,12; Softball-10,11
Tracy Wiggs-Art Club-10; French Club-10,11; JA Marketing Vice President-11; JA-10,11,12
Lora Wolfe-OEA-12;
Sandra Young-Art Club-10,11,12; Intramurals-10,12; JA-12



Not Pictured
Mike Bowers-Art Club-10,11,12; Chess Club-10,11,12
Jack Bulington-Football-11,12; Intramurals-11,12
Lisa Elston-Art Club-12
Darren Gerlach
Donna Gick
Jeff Kelly
Bill Matthys
Laura Rangel-Exchange Student-12
Matt Wolverton





Senior Memory

When we, the Class of '87, began our journey through high school, we encountered many new and challenging projects. Each year brought with it a special event that distinguished that year from the others.

As Sophomores we saw major changes in the office. It was Mr. Knuckles' first year as principal, Mr. Atha took over as athletic director, and the assistant principals were changed as well. Our main concerns as Sophomores were Homecoming and making money for the class fund.

Our Jr. year started off with controversy as we dodged the conflicts of the senior class as well as our own. Homecoming week saw the "big fight" and the anony-

mous kleptomaniacs who stole the paper. The year did get better as we started planning for the prom, one of the biggest events of our high school career.

And then it struck—Senioritis. It was our year to "rule" the school. We met numerous times to get pictures taken, to order announcements, and to order caps and gowns. All of which reminded us that Graduation was right around the corner. That special day we will always hold close to our hearts.

We were the Class of '87. We had our share of controversies, but they will always be outshined by the achievements of our class.

By Sue Schirm and
Heather Little



▲Some Senior girls show off their togas on Toga Day.

►Cindy Martin and Stephanie Fry prepare for the Band's trip to Florida.

►Bridget Sondgerath and Tara Gordon try and persuade Eugene Balensifer to smile at the camera.



◀Senior Homeroom Reps.: (Front to Back) Kendra Kult, Shelley Gall, Trina Brost, Lori Wetli, Bridget Sondgerath, Angel Hill, and Mike Charlesworth. (Not Pictured—Trina Pilotte)

◀Stacey Minier takes time out for a quick picture.



◀Senior Class Officers: (Bottom to Top) Heather Little—President, Sue Schirm—Vice President, Susan Brouillette—Secretary, Curt Puetz—Treasurer, Kathy Tabert—Rep. at Large, Dave Harper—Rep. at Large, and Kristen Sprowl—Rep. at Large.

▲Ben Hale and Scott Schlinder search for a telephone number.

Top Picks of '87

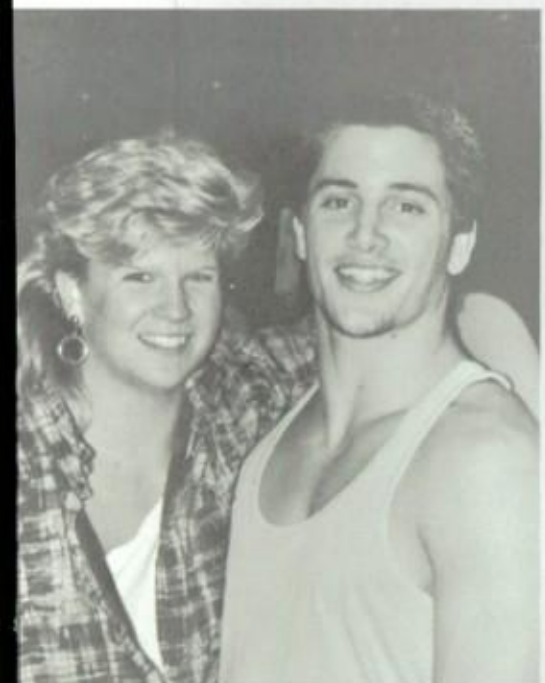


Best Smile: Tom Boehm, Trina Pilotte
Best Hair: Phil Hollis, Trina Pilotte
Best Looking: Eugene Balensiefer, Lisa Windler
Cutest: Phil Hollis, Susan Brouillette
Best Eyes: Benji Knowles, Trina Pilotte
Best Body & Legs: Eugene Balensiefer, Lisa Windler





*Best Dressed: Toby Ringle, Lori Wetli
Most Artistic: Eugene Balensiefer, Bridget Sondgerath
Most Friendly: Dave Harper, Heather Little
Most Spirited: John Noerenburg, Sue Schirm*



*Most Musical: Denny Glotzbach, Bridget Sondgerath
Cutest Couple: Greg Jones, Shelley Gall
Most Dramatic: Roger Kult, Jami Berry*





*Best Personality: Doug Schwartz, Susan Brouillette
 Most Reliable: Mark Underwood, Sue Schirm
 Most Spacey: Tom Boehm, Tara Gordon
 Most Likely To Succeed: Denny Glotzbach, Ann Sondgeroth
 Class Clown: Chris Senesac, Heather Little
 Most Athletic: Eugene Balensiefer, Lisa Windler*

SENIOR AWARDS

Martha Balensiefer Award

Cheryl Bobo Memorial Award

Kevin Klemme Memorial Scholarship

Tom Klemme Post 57 Scholarship

Ella Grant Lawson Educational Grants

Edna Sewell Memorial Award

James E. and Mabel Wright Scholarship

James E. Timothy Scholarship

Mike Shoemaker Memorial Award

Janice Muller Memorial Award

Indiana State Univeristy Sycamore Scholarship

Hoosier Scholar Awards

Benton Co. Board of Realtors Scholarship

Kappa Kappa Kappa College Scholarships

Fidelis Fine Arts Scholarship

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships

40 & 8 Nurses Training Scholarship

Benton Education Association Scholarship

National Honor Society Scholarships

Purdue School of Agriculture Awards

IVTC Vice President's Scholarship

Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Kappa

Rotary Outstanding Senior Male & Female Award

Sue Schirm

Eugene Balensiefer

Cheryl Weigle

Doug Schwartz

Roger Kult

Sandy Young

Toby Ringle

Cathleen Schroeder

Curt Puetz

Sandi Bird

Joy Hardebeck

Phil Hollis

Joe Dixon

Harold Hardebeck

Amy Wetli

Ann Sondgeroth

Dennis Glotzbach

Roger Kult

Lynette Burris

Annette Burris

Charlotte Budreau

Sandy Young

Kim Everly

Beth Mailloux

Amy Wetli

Vince Coors

Doug Schwartz

Lynette Burris

Dennis Glotzbach

Mark Underwood

Stephanie Fry

Lee Sproull

Sue Schirm

Eugene Balensiefer

A New Beginning

As we approached our final few hours together we remembered all the happy and sad times our class has shared. From painting each other (instead of the barn) to winning the first Sectional Basketball Tournament in four years, we've done it all!

And finally, the time came when we could say "We made it!" On May 31, 1987, the gymnasium was filled with family and friends who came to watch us take our first big step into the future.

The ceremony began with

Our Valedictorian address was given by Miss Ann Sondgeroth who was introduced by Curt Puetz. She told us to find a career we could be happy with.

And then the big moment for every Senior—the acceptance of our class and the presentation of our diplomas.

The spectators were given an extra treat as we walked across the stage. They were shown a slide of every person's senior picture.

Our Class President,

"We made it!"

Sue Scbirm giving the Invocation followed by the chorus.

In special recognition, Mr. Gary Schneck introduced our four Foreign Exchange students and presented them with a certificate.

Kathy Tabert and Tara Gordon sang the "Theme from St. Elmo's Fire" and Kristen Sprowl introduced our Salutatorian, Mr. Denis Glotzbach who gave us some extra incentive to be the best we could be.

We then heard Bridget Sondgerath and Kathi Smith sing their song about good-byes.

Heather Little then took the stage. She gave her farewell address along with leading us in the truning of our tassels signifying we had graduated. Miss Susan Brouillette gave the Benediction and with the first beat of the Recessional the hats went flying. We had done it! The dreams were now a reality and the Class of '87 was on its way into the future.

By Sue Schirm

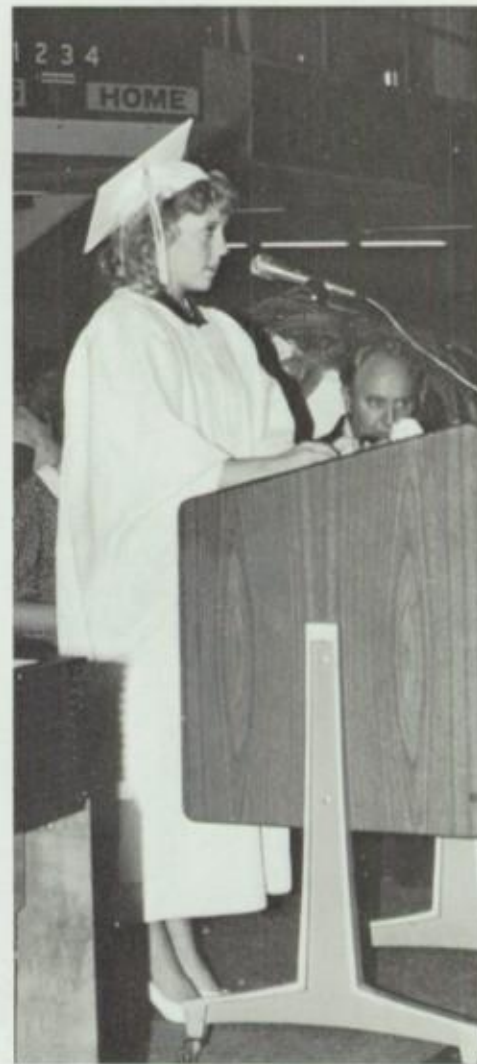
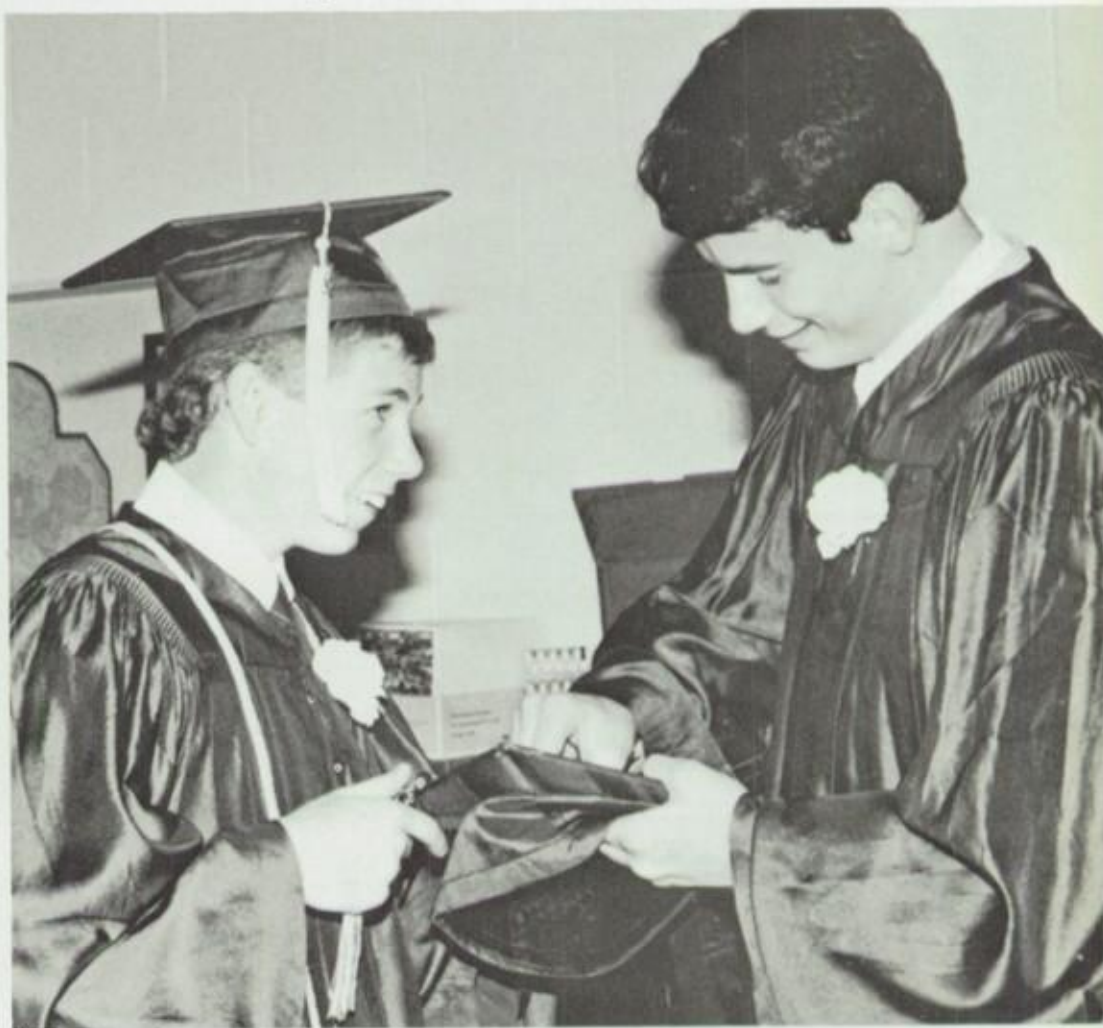
▲Cousins Kendra and Roger Kult say their goodbyes as classmates.

►As the lights went out for the slide show, the lighters went on.





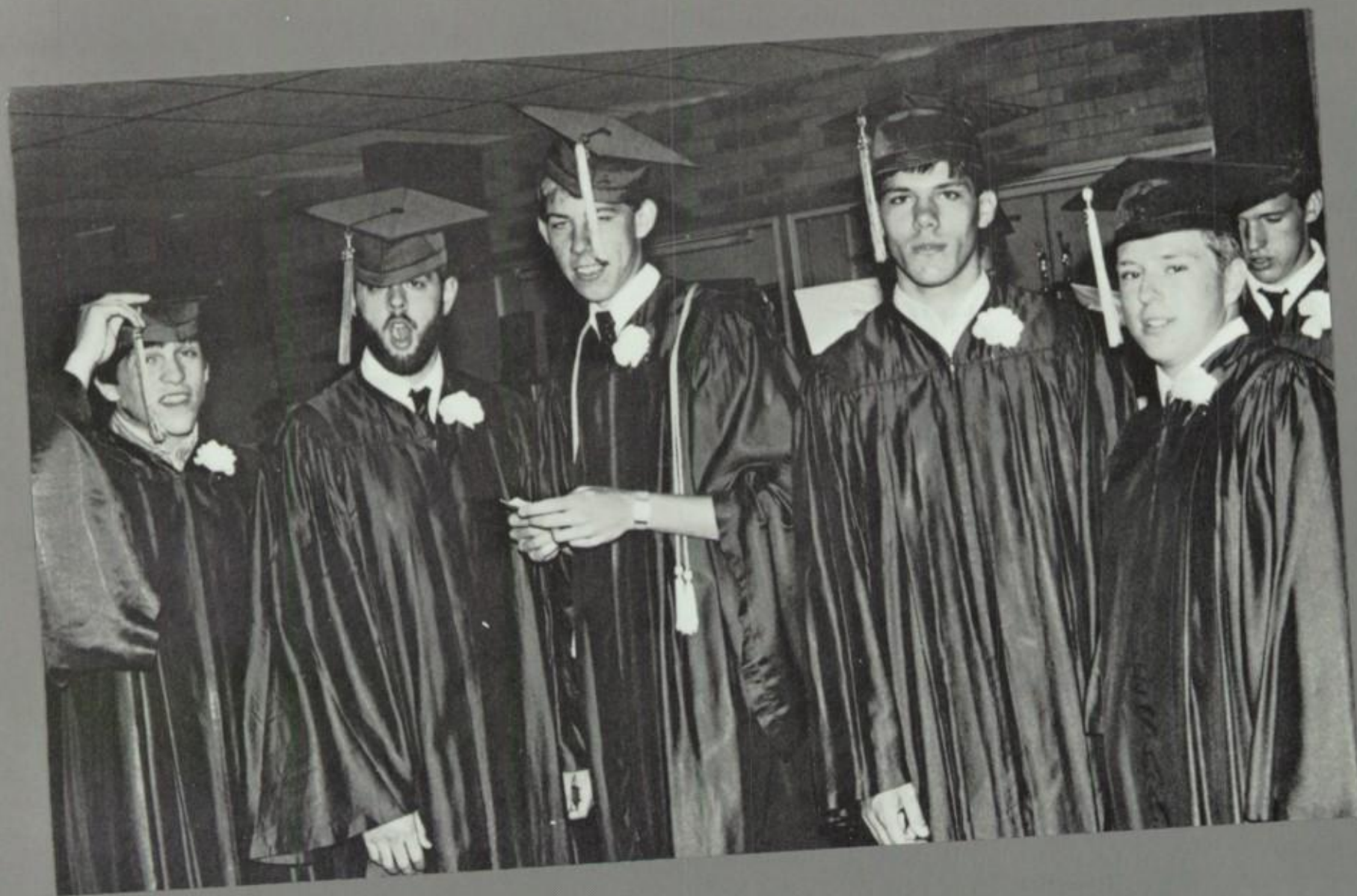
- ◀The 1987 Valedictorian, Ann Sondgeroth gives her address.
- ▼Tim Doyle helps Greg Jones put his tassel on his hat.
- ◀Tara Gordon and Kathy Tabert sing "Theme from St. Elmo's Fire".
- ▼Mr. Knuckles presents our class to Mr. Simmons.
- ▼Class Vice President Sue Schirm gives the Invocation.



OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF YESTERDAY A STAR IS BORN, WE ARE ITS LIGHT.

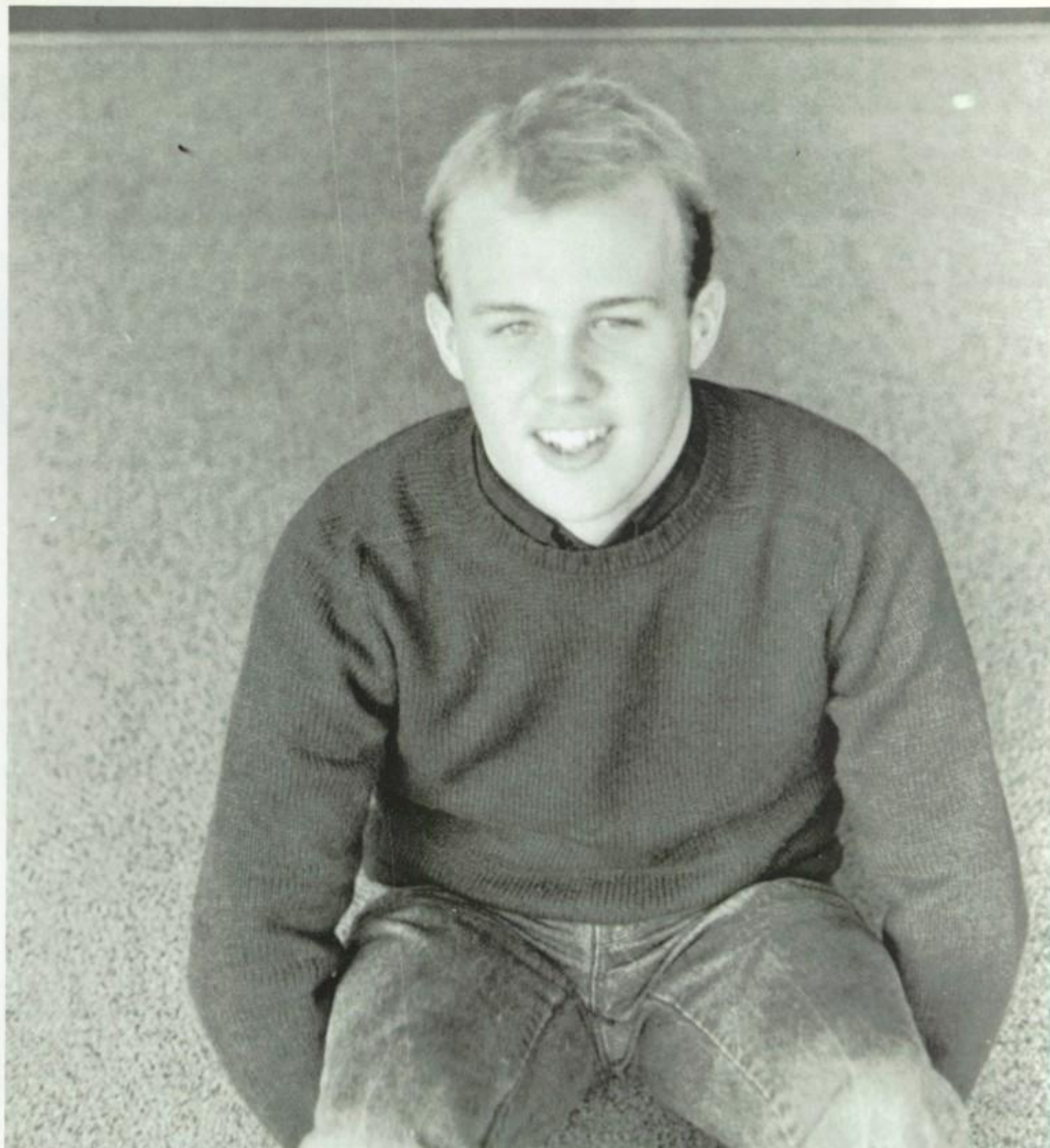


- ▲ Class President Heather Little gives her farewell address.
- ▶ Kim Happ, Kris Deckard, and Charlotte Budreau patiently await the big moment.
- ▲ Phil Hollis and Jamie Kirsch put the tassels on their hats.
- ▶ Seniors wait for the Processional to begin.



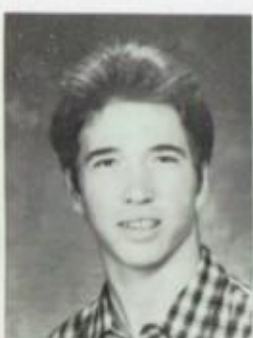
- ▲ Some senior guys pose for one last picture.
- ◀ Dawn Gick help Jodi Hull put on her hat.
- ▲ Elisa Acosta and Bridget Sondgerath take a deep breath before entering the gym.

J U N I O R S



*We are the class of '88
thinking we're the best,
we're great!
We don't always show it,
but we really care.
We'll never forget
our times together
and all that we've shared.*





Wendy Adwell
Mike Anderson
Bob Atkinson
Cheryl Balensiefer
Thomas Bauer
Tom Baxter



Nisha Beardsley
Cathy Benedict
Marty Benner
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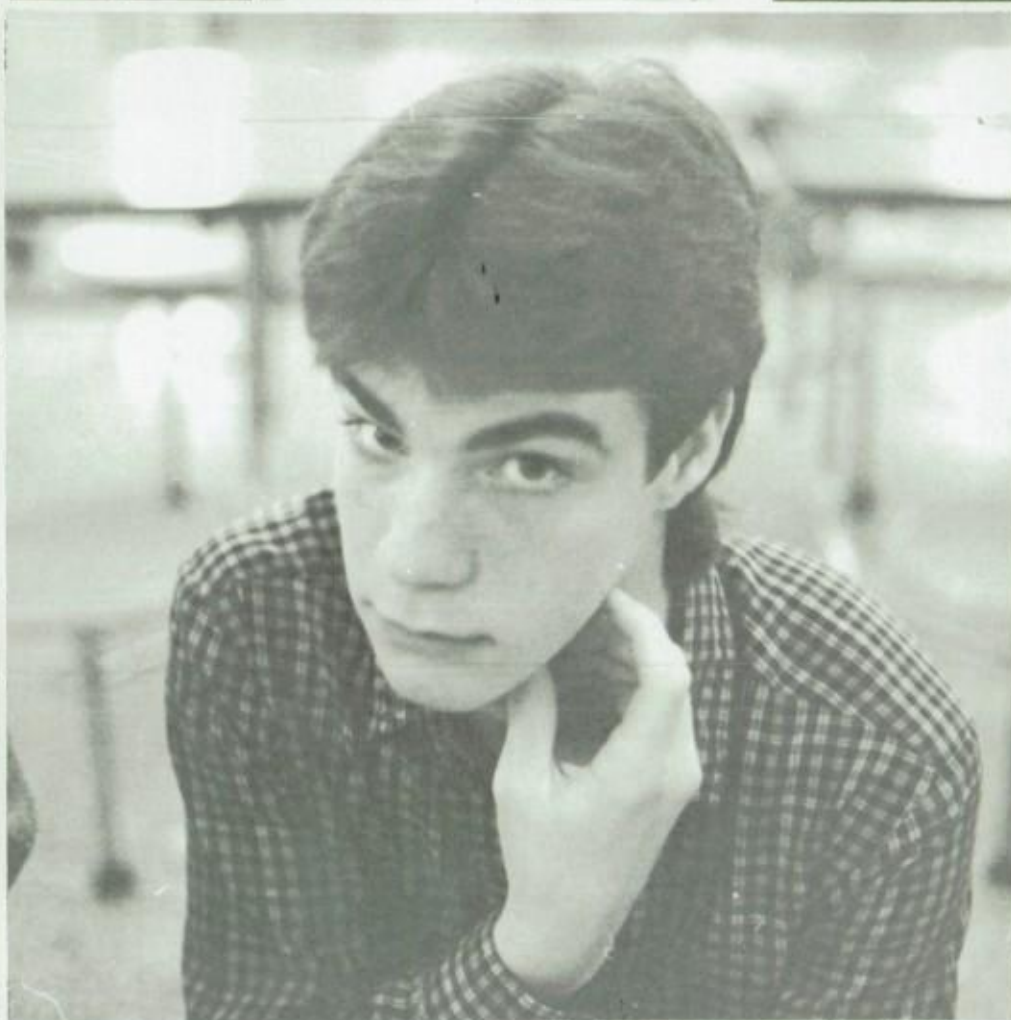
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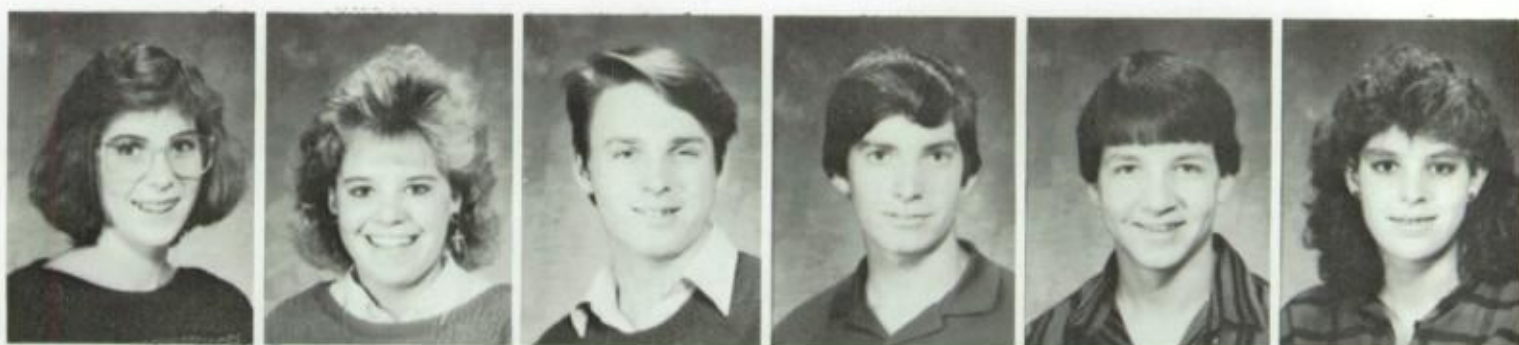


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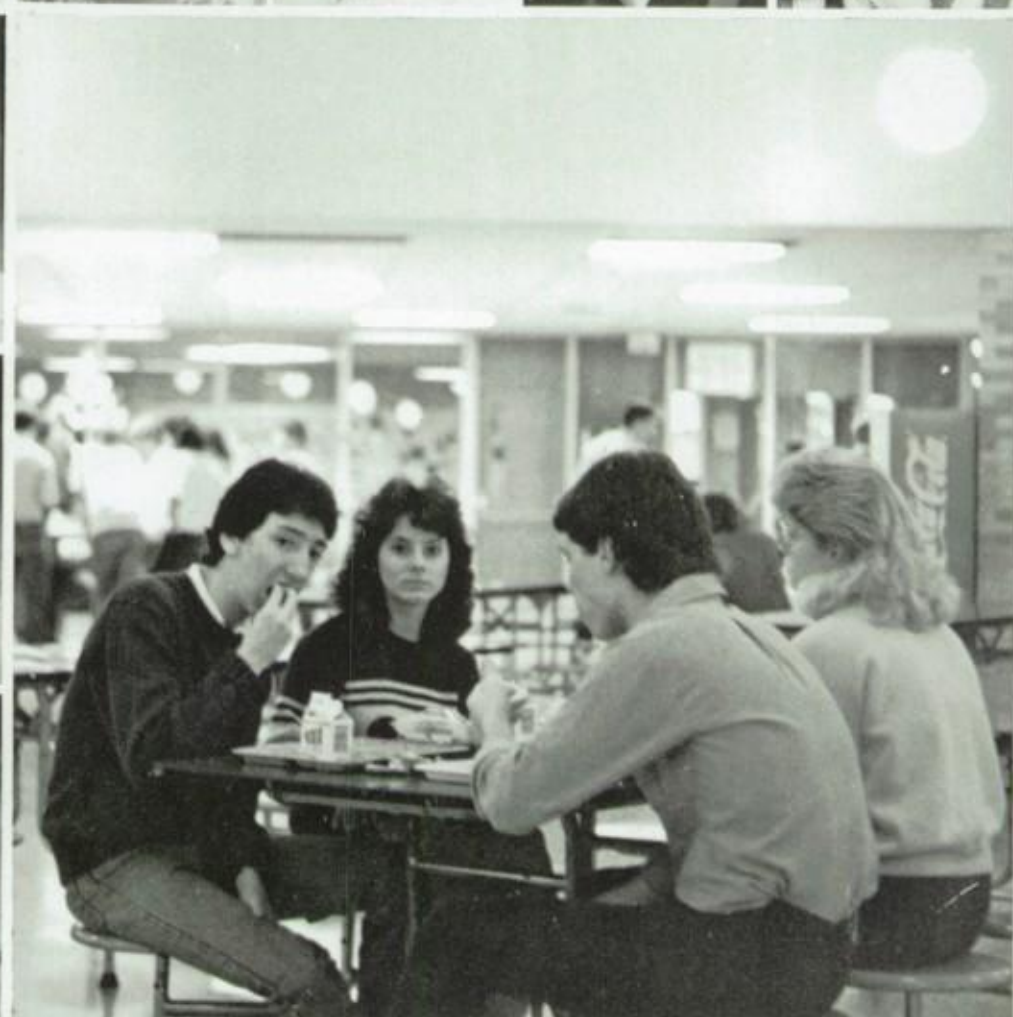
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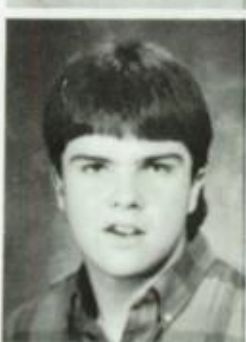
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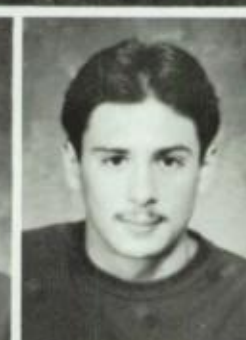
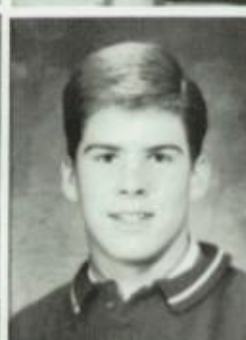
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Robin Stout
Bill Sturgeon
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Cynthia Van Horn
Brian Vorst



Scott Wallpe
Doug Washburn
Karen Watson
Jack Weber
Heather Watson
Tina Windler



NOT PICTURED:
Calvin Kidd
David Oneil

Heather Witt
Amy Wolverton
Marjorie Yeary
Michelle Yeary



S O P H O M O R E S

*Well we finally made it
to the senior high,
to our innocent years,
we've said good bye.
In just two short years
we'll be on our own.
Let's strive to make it
the best of all times
because we'll always be
the class of 1989!*

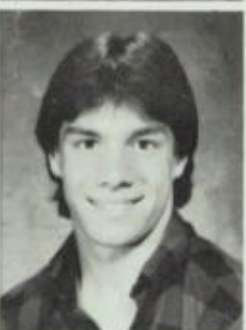




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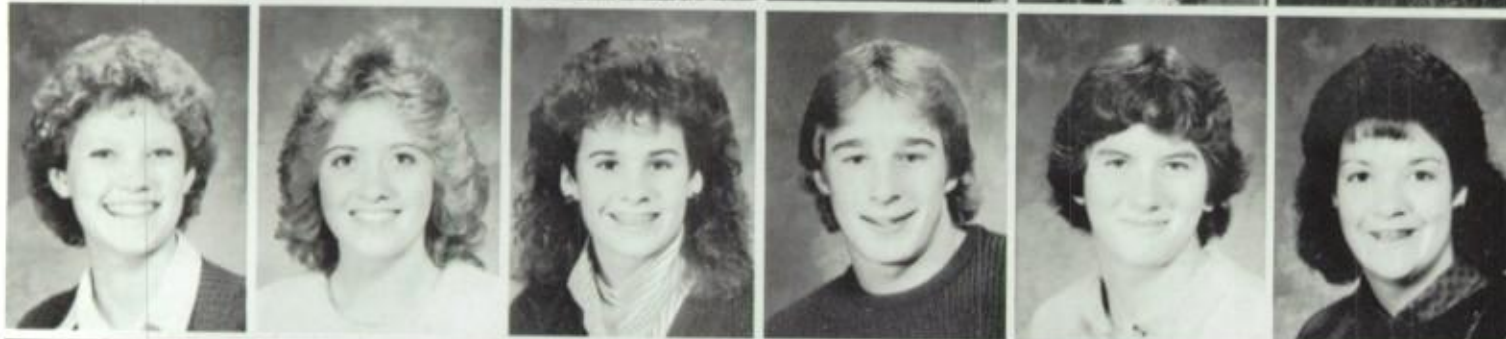


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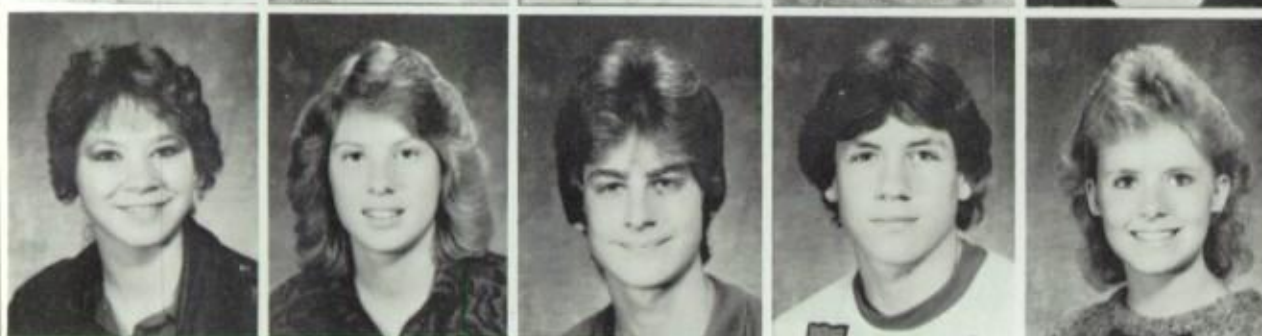
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Leah Whitus
Cris Wiggs
Troy Wiley
Kory Williams
Susan Wilson

BC Accredited!

BC's administration faced a number of organizational challenges this year, but foremost among them was preparation for the North Central Association evaluation.

A visiting committee from North Central came for three days at the beginning of April to observe the students, staff and facility here at BC. Faculty and administration engaged in self-study for months in advance and pre-

tee co-chairpersons, did a great job."

The year at BC was also marked by the retirement of Superintendent Simmons after 16 years of service to the corporation. He was succeeded July by Mr. Gerald Knorr.

A special grant allowed several improvements to the physical plant during the summer of 1986. The money bought a new gym floor, new carpeting, new furniture in

... everyone pulled together ...

pared extensive departmental reports.

The visit went well and although some areas of weakness (as well as several strengths) were pointed out, BC was accredited for another 7 years. "I was proud of the way everyone pulled together, demonstrating such a committed and professional approach to education," said Mr. Knuckles. "In particular, Mary Lou Bailey and Claudia Zuege, our steering commit-

tee the central office, and renovated locker rooms.

Finally, on a sad note, faculty and staff had to cope with the death May 16th of their colleague, Steve Fleming, a Junior High math teacher. Mr. Fleming had taught and coached at BC for 19 years. "Steve was a dedicated and caring teacher, and to so many of us a dear friend," said Mr. Knuckles.



▲ School Board-Back: Mr. Gick, Mrs. Gresham, Mrs. Guthridge, Mr. Dimmick; Front: Mr. Butler, Mr. Brost, Mrs. Washburn.

► Top to bottom: Sup't. Simmons, Mr. Knuckles, Mr. Schenck, Mr. Oliphant, Mr. Atha, Mr. Taylor; Guidance Staff-Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Sproull.





▲Top: Mrs. Brutus, Mrs. Sturgeon, Mrs. Windler, Mrs. Weber; bottom: Mrs. Tinsman, Mrs. Krebs, Mrs. Purcell.

◀Custodial staff: back-E. Terry, S. Wagner, P. Watson, C. Wattle; front-A. Wetli, T. Allen, O. Peterson, B. Krebs.

◀Kitchen staff: back (standing)-P. Anderson, C. Lynch, C. Benner, R. Pilotte, T. Price; back (seated)-M. Leatherman, M. Garrison, O. Clouse, S. Muller; front-N. Tolen, P. Larson, B. Cowan, R. Schroeder, C. Meihls, M. Granlund. Absent: J. Schroeder.



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In loving memory of a dear friend-Mr. Steve Fleming, Junior High math teacher.

The Traces staff offers our most sincere condolences to Mr. Fleming's wife, Charity, and to his three children-Eric, Jason and Jennifer.

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Another year has gone and more ads were sold. I would like to thank the staff for all of their help. Without their effort, nothing would have gotten done. I would also like to thank my assistant and next years Business Editor, Jeanie Tabert. I wish her the best of luck for next years sales drive. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the advertisers. Without their contribution there would be no yearbook. This year's yearbook theme of "Hoosiers" was chosen because Benton Central is a part of our community and we dedicate this book to you, the people of the community.

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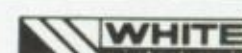


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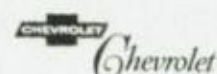
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brightest future. We love you,
Bill.*

Mom & Dad



*Tara,
We are proud of you & wish
you good luck & happiness in
the future. We love you—*

Mom & Dad



*Kendra!
You've come a long way,
baby—but the best is yet to be.
Congratulations! Love & Luck
Mom-Dad-Shelby*



*Jami,
Best wishes! We love you!
Good Luck at I.U.*

Mom & Dad

Bridget A. Sondgerath—

*Bridget—Congratulations & good luck! The best to you! We love you & are proud
of you.*

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Tim Fultz—

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*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Mike Thurston—

Mike—We are so proud of you!

*Love,
Your family*

Laura Long—

Laura—Have a great senior year!

**Love,
Mom & Dad**

Amy Wetli—

Congratulations Amy. We love you.

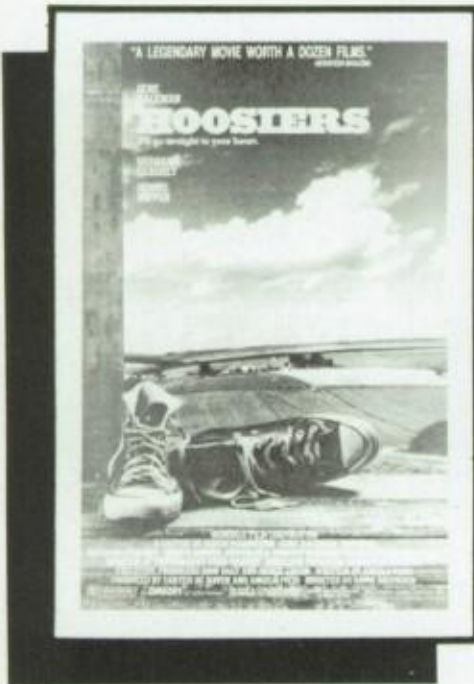
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Jamey Kirsch—

Good Luck Jamey. We love you!

**Dad, Mom, Chris, Greg, Rena,
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Mike, Michelle, Shane, Een, Fuzz,
Julie, Rick, Karen, & Amy**

In The Year of "Hoosiers" Bison Prevail



- ▲Benton Central presents to you the 1987 Sectional Champions.
- ▲Senior Jason Crisp holds the position of #1 in the Junior Kayaking Division.
- ▶Oh, give me a home where the Bison roam.
- ▶Farming is the Benton County way of life.
- ▲"Hoosiers" opened at theaters, based on basketball in our home state.





◀Seniors Jack Bulington, Eugene Balensiefer, John Norenberg, and Ben Hale wear their doctor scrubs in the shower room.

◀Bill Powell and Holly Carmony flash us their cheesy smiles.

▼Beth Ransom feeds Matt Hull a caramel apple during the sectional pep session while Shauna Ferguson observes.

▼Senior, Kim Happ flashes the camera a quick smile.





- ▲ Three scary faces get rowdy at a basketball game.
- ▲ Senior Tom Boehm escorts Miss Koufs (Mr. Koehler) during the beauty contest at the regional pep session.
- ▶ Senior Kathy Tabert and sophomore Jeff Brummett perform a partner stunt at a basketball game.
- ▶ Junior Tod Muller performs a head stand in English class while Mrs. McNeil attempts to knock him over.



STOMP'EM BISON!



Coke

- ▲ Seniors take time out during homecoming week to pose for a shot.
- ▲ Sophomore Michelle Perkins was surprised about this picture.
- ▲ Coke's billboard in Oxford supports the Bison year round.
- ▲ Senior exchange student Chinami Shoda poses for a picture in her kimono.
- ▲ Laura Rangel, Cristina Rojas Gonzales, and Claudia Kierok, all senior exchange students, take time out for a quick shot.

Seniors Aid Rookie

The returning senior leadership of Jami Berry as Business Manager, Sue Schirm as Editor, and Mike Thurston as Photography Coordinator, really helped the new advisor Mr. Ned Stuckey-French in producing **Traces XIX**, the 1987 yearbook. "I really relied on them to help me in the time of need," said Stuckey-French. This was his first experience advising a yearbook, although he had worked on publications pre-

nize that the community is a part of the school, and vice versa," said Stuckey-French. With the movie "Hoosiers" that came out being a big hit, we thought focussing on Hoosiers would help make the yearbook a big success.

This year, our boys basketball team, a few rural country kids, made it pretty big, just like in the movie.

You may have noticed another new approach in the

... I really relied on them ...

viously.

Many new innovations were added to the 1986-87 yearbook. A shadow box and a highlighted quote were added to each spread. Italic type was used in the copy, and faculty pictures were taken for each academic spread.

The theme "Hoosiers" was chosen because the school is the center of this community. "We are trying to recog-

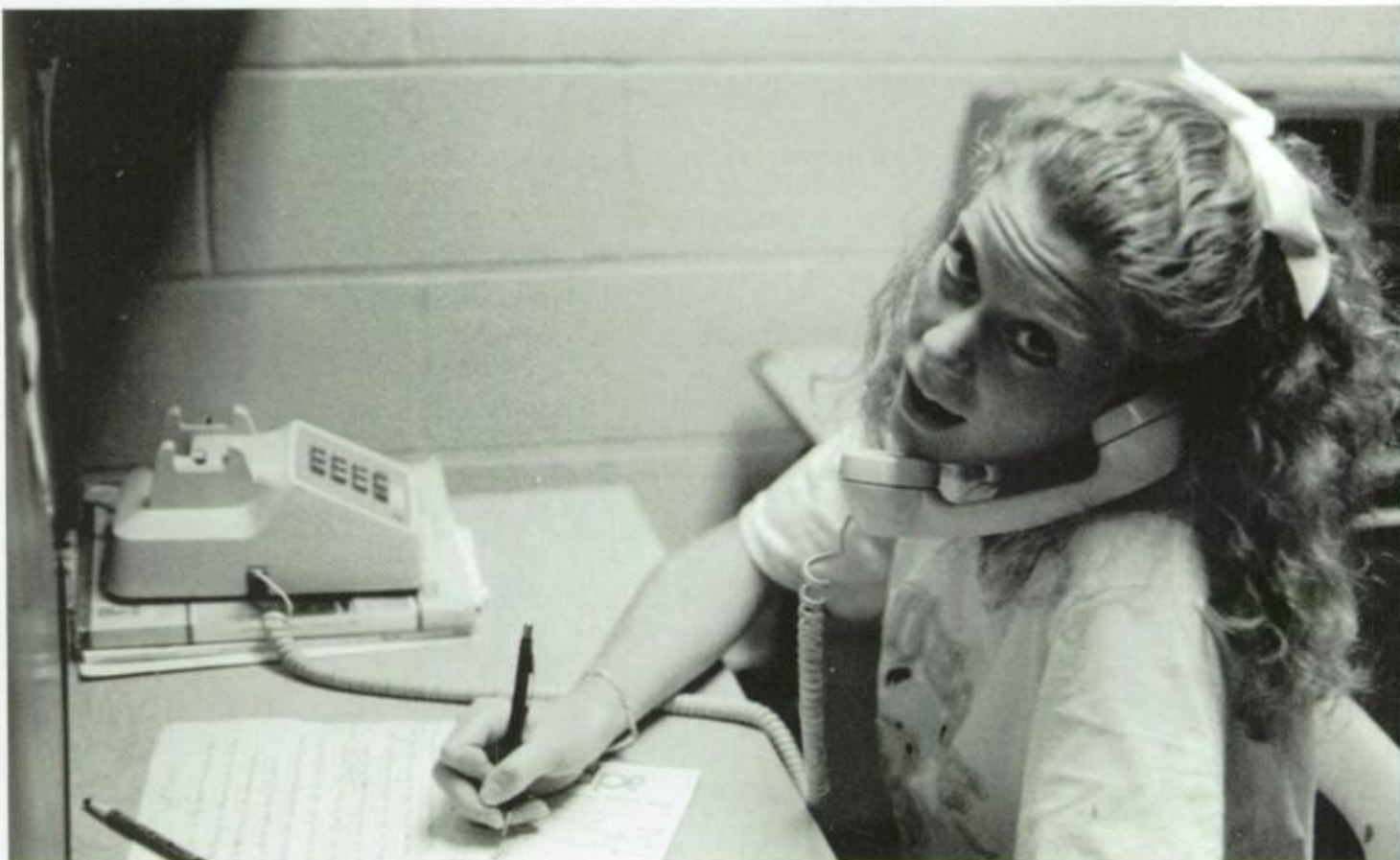
opening of the book. We thought it would be nice to focus especially on the towns, and students that live in each one.

Jack Bulington and John Norenberg added their humor to help boost the sales of the yearbook by singing jingles on the daily announcements.

By Jennifer Deno

▲Editor Sue Schirm and Co-Editor Nancy Brost flash a smile for the camera.

►Jami Berry makes calls to sell ads for the yearbook.





"For the Longest Time"

*by John Norenberg, Jack Bullington and
Neal Stepp
(with apologies to Billy Joel)*

Chorus:

*Oh-whoa-oh, For the longest time
Oh-whoa-oh, For the longest time*

*I've wanted a yearbook for so long
I don't know how I could get along
without my Traces
(kisses and warm embraces)
I've wanted Traces for the longest time.*

Chorus:

*I asked Stuckey-French the other day
Just how much money I had to pay
He asked me why
I began to cry
I've wanted Traces for the longest time.*

Chorus:

*Stuckey said "Boy, don't you feel no shame,"
Seventeen bucks puts you in the game
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Your name gets on the cover
You've wanted Traces for the longest time.*

Chorus:

*Now my life is so much more sweet
I'm the hippest dude on my street
All the chicks wanna look
At my senior yearbook
I'd wanted Traces for the longest time.*



▲Toby Ringle and Kathy Tabert show the materials that are used when laying out a spread.

▲Becky Geswein and Mr. Stuckey-French work hard to help meet a deadline.

From The Editor

It is once again time for me to give my thanks to all the people who helped make this yearbook a success. As my staff will verify, this year had its ups and downs. But somehow we made it and brought this yearbook to you.

My Biggest thanks goes out to Mr. Stuckey-French. He took on a big job as our advisor and did more than he knows to help our staff. I wish you all the luck for the coming years as yearbook advisor.

Miss Nancy Brost along with the rest of my staff deserve a lot of credit. They put in some long hours to get this book finished. Thanks for all your help and understanding.

I also want to acknowledge and thank those who helped us with pictures: Brian Crussel, Dave Glaspie, Lori Hillis, Bob Kirk, Doren Green, Neal Step, and Kent Moore. You made a difference.

And to the Seniors of 1987 I send the very best wishes always. I will always treasure our times together and I hope you will too. I couldn't have asked to be a part of a greater class. Thank you-for making our high school days the best they could be.

To the Sophomores and Juniors-I hope the rest of your high school careers are as fun and special as ours were.

My last thanks goes to my parents for putting up with me and my long hours. You have helped tremendously!

I hope all of you will cherish this yearbook as I know I will. My staff and I did our best to bring you the memories of 1987!

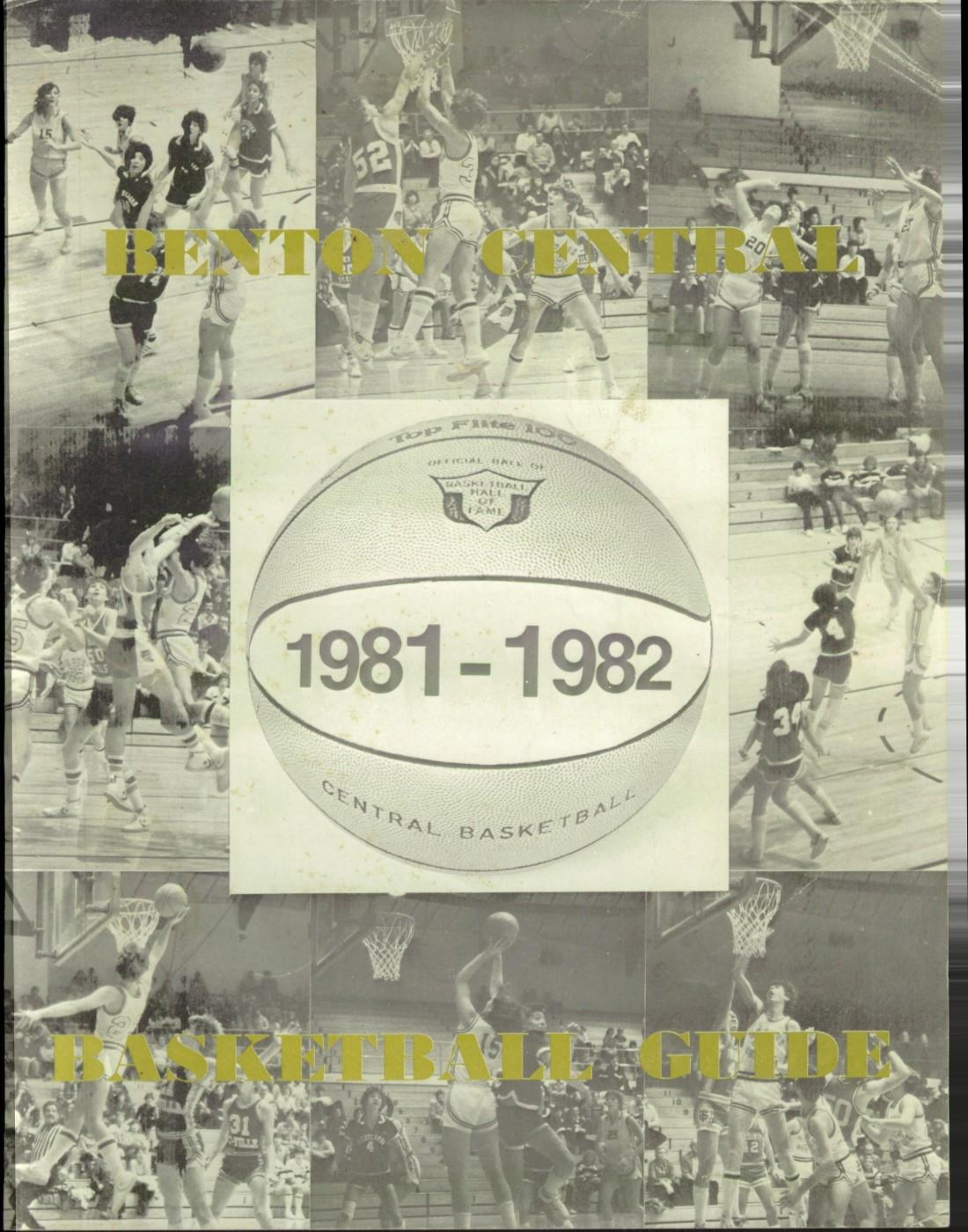
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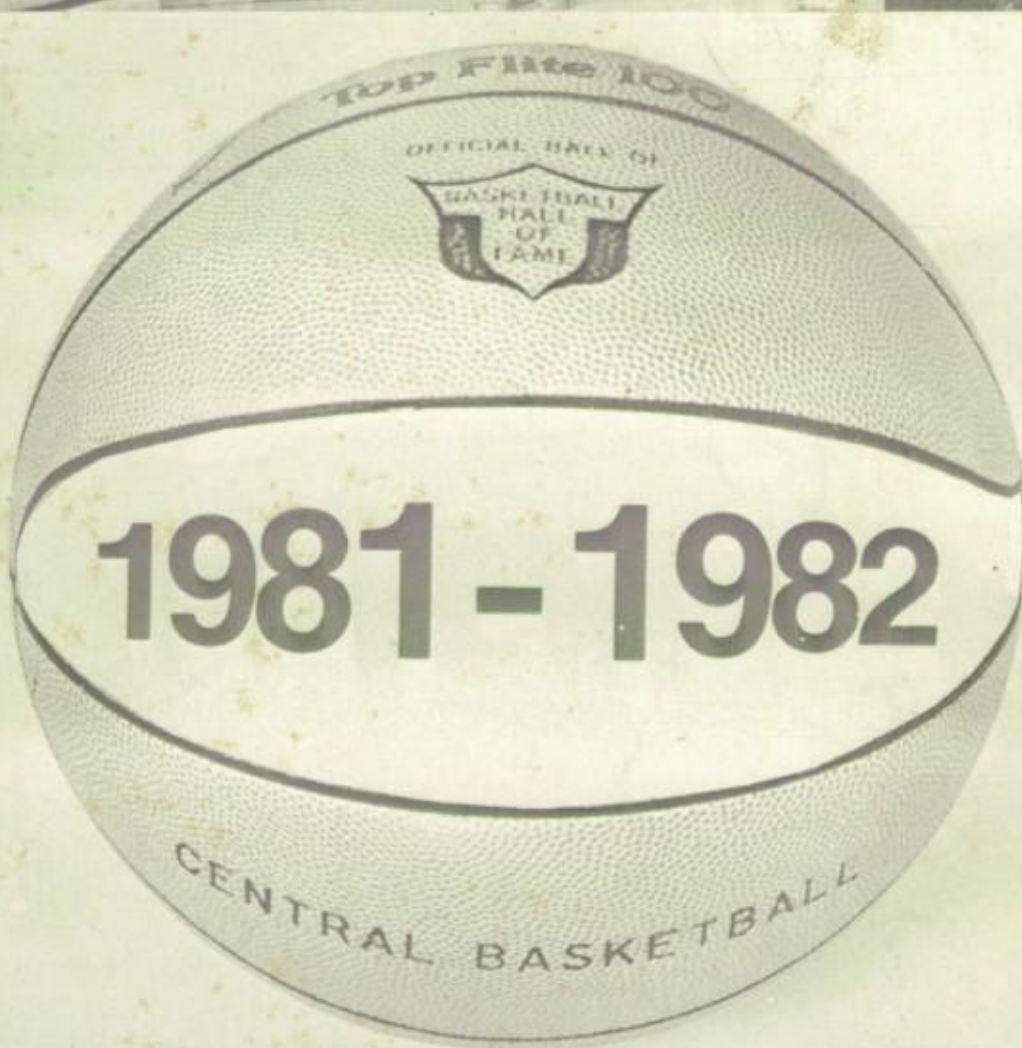
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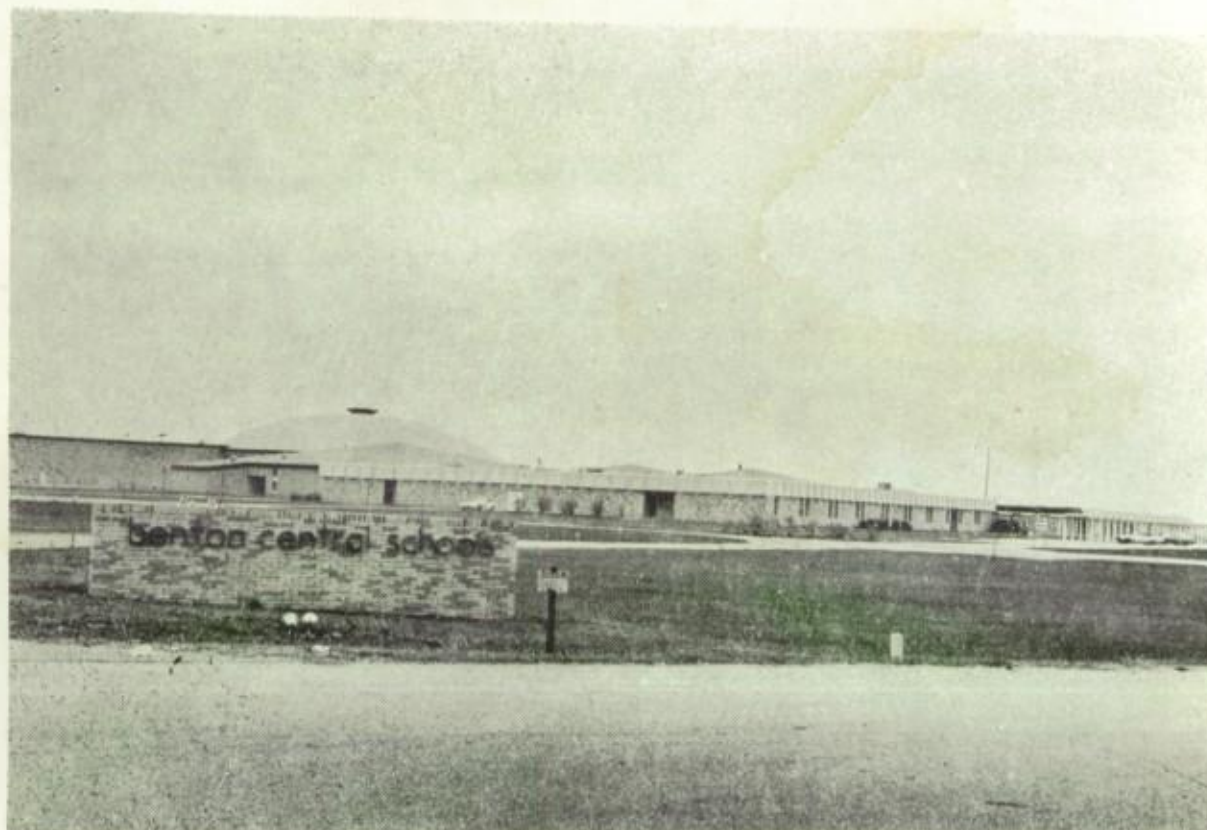
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V. A. Simmons
Superintendent

Mr. Simmons, our superintendent, is an enthusiastic sports fan—especially where the Bison are involved. For him, sports have been a lifetime interest, as he coached basketball and baseball before becoming an administrator. A graduate of Bedford High School and Indiana University, Mr. Simmons was principal at Springs Valley and Manchester High Schools before becoming superintendent at Manchester.

This is Mr. Simmon's 12th year as superintendent of the Benton County Schools. He and his wife Neva live in Fowler. They have two children, Joe and Sally.

"Mr. Simmons is the kind of person who is interested in what our athletes learn, not only during game competition, but from each athlete's experience of being involved with a positive, disciplined athletic program after his playing days are over."

Mr. Atha, our principal, was an outstanding athlete at Otterbein High School before continuing his education and basketball career at Indiana State. After a career of pro basketball with New York and Detroit, Mr. Atha returned to Benton County to coach and teach at Oxford High School. At Benton Central Mr. Atha was active in coaching basketball and baseball before becoming an administrator.

"Without the support and countless hours of dedication to our school and athletic programs that Dick Atha has given, Benton Central would not have acquired the respect that it has acquired."

Dick, his wife Rita, and their family—Deb (Mrs. Al Dewitt), Rich, 22; Keely, Mike, Sarah, attending ISU; John, a Jr. guard on our Bison team; Mary, a 10th grader; and Barbara, an 8th grader, live in Oxford.



Dick Atha
Sr. High Principal

Mr. Oliphant, junior high principal, also has a coaching background, as he was basketball coach at Battle Ground High School before becoming an administrator. Mr. Oliphant enjoys sports of all kinds and has coached track and baseball. His interest and promotion of athletics at the junior high school level greatly aids the Benton Central varsity sports program.

Mr. Oliphant, his wife Mary Jane, and family—Michelle, an ISU Soph; Michael, a Vincennes U. Freshman; and Mark, a fifth grader, reside in Oxford.

"Mr. Charles Oliphant is admired for his courage to stand firm on the principles that make any program a successful one. We have sought his guidance many times in an effort to help strengthen our athletic program and our school curricular programs."



Charles Oliphant
Jr. High Principal

Mr. Mallory has been Athletic Director in charge of 14 sports since the opening of Benton Central. In addition, "Hook" has attended Ball State, Indiana State, and Purdue. Before becoming Athletic Director at Benton Central, "Hook" had coaching experience at Round Grove and Fowler High Schools where he coached four Sectional winners.

"Hook, thank you for your loyalty to Benton Central athletics and for your continued pursuit of athletic excellence."

Mr. Mallory and his wife, Lucille, live in Fowler.



Herschell (Hook) Mallory
Athletic Director

MEET THE COACHES

VARSITY COACH — JACK WALTER



This is the fifth season for Jack at Benton Central. His teams have won 2 sectionals, 1 regional, and 1 holiday tournament and were runners-up in the 1981 Hammond Clark Holiday Tourney, losing a 54-57 thriller to Whiting in the championship game. Under Coach Walter, B.C.'s schedule has gained the reputation as being one of the toughest in our state.

Coach Walter came to BC after 18 years of coaching, including 10 years as assistant at North Central in Indianapolis and 2 years as varsity coach at Attica. His 1977 Ramblers were champions of the Fountain Central sectional.

Jack is a graduate of ISU and Butler, and teaches Business Ed. and Dr. Ed. He and his wife, Ann, live in Oxford, and have a daughter, Lisa, a Special Ed. teacher in the Warsaw Ind. school system, and two sons, Todd, an ISU freshman, and Tim, a sophomore guard on our JV team.

ASSISTANT COACH — MIKE REYNOLDS

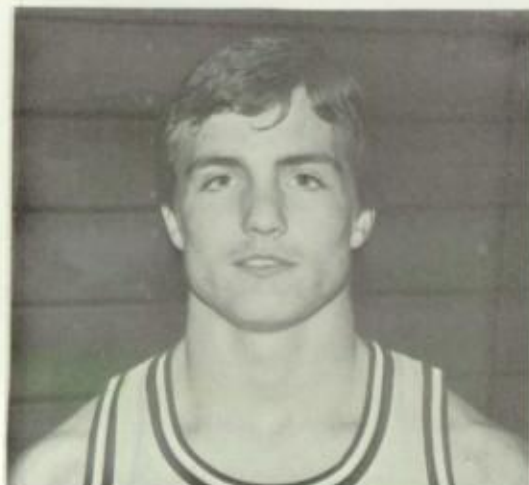


After a 4 year leave from coaching Mike Reynolds is back coaching the Benton Central Junior Varsity and at the present time they have a 7-4 record.

Coach Reynolds coached the J.V. team at Rossville for 10 years and compiled a 127-68 record. The Rossville teams traveled to the Semi-State in 1969-70-71 and were in the final 8 two times losing both times to the eventual state champ.

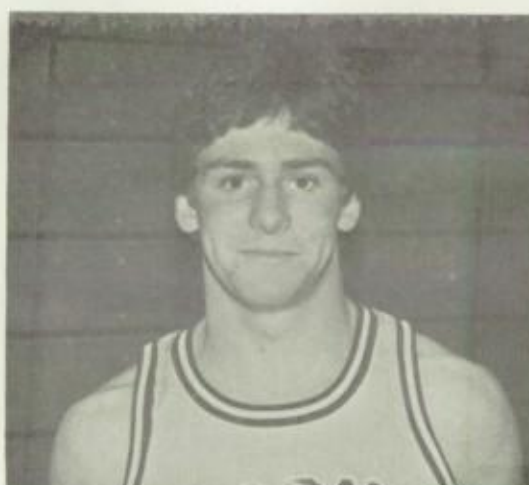
Mike is a graduate of Indiana State University and is the boys guidance counselor at Benton Central. He and his wife Diana have two sons Brad who is a senior guard on the varsity and Sean who is a guard on the 7th grade team.

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FG% .333, R-S 3, Assts. 3,
PPG 1.0, 5 games

Tony Anderson, 5'9" Jr. Guard, 2 yr. letterman in track-football-most improved this football season. FFA, hobbies: hunting, fishing. Favorite pro team: Lakers. "Tony is a great hustler with exceptional courage." He is the son of Jerry and Peg Anderson of R.R. Boswell.



FG% .500, FT% .556, R-S 5,
Assts. 12, PPG. 3.9

John Atha, 5'9" Jr. Guard, 2 yr. letterman in Baseball-Football. Hobbies: watching TV, working, and sleeping. Favorite Pro team: Celtics, Idol: Larry Bird. Nickname-Ace. "John is a fine shooter, a hard worker. When his ball handling and passing improve, he will be a fine backcourt player." He is the son of Dick and Rita Atha of Oxford.



FG% .452, FT% .550, Rebs. 78,
PPG. 10.0, 10 games

Jon Christopher, nickname-Johnny C. 6'5½" Jr. pivot man, Basketball letterman. Band, Jazz Band, "Jon is one of the most fundamental sound players that I've coached. His on-court intelligence and dedication will make him a fine player. Jon will need to condition himself to play hard all the time during the games. He is the son of Don and Patty Christopher of rural Otterbein.



FG% .392, FT% .738, Rebs. 62,
PPG. 14.3, 10 games

Cary Dimmich, 6'1" Jr. Swingman. Football and Baseball Letterman-2 yrs. 1981 All-Conf. Quarterback. Favorite subject, math. Hobbies: Sports and farming. Favorite pro team: 76'ers. Idol: Dr. "J." "Cary has disciplined his game to the point that he has become one of our most consistent players. At the small forward position, we have had few better, offensively, than this young man." Larry and Lorna Dimmich of rural Boswell are his parents.



FG% .411, FT% .583, Rebs. 31,
PPG. 7.4, 10 games

Cort Dimmich, 6'0" Jr. Forward. Letterman in Football, Baseball. Hobbies: Sports and resting. Favorite pro team-76'ers, Idol: Chocolate Thunder-Darryl Dawkins. "The second part of our matching set, Cort has been playing tough these past 3 weeks. He is asked to play the Super Sub role as a forward for us, and when he concentrates on the little, important fundamentals throughout the game, he's very difficult to stop." His parents are Larry and Lorna Dimmich of RR 1, Boswell.



Just moved up from our
JV Team, 2 games

Chris Hollis, 5'8" Jr. Backcourt player. Active in FFA; Nickname: "Ski." Mental attitude award winner 1981 JV Team. Hobbies: Sports. Favorite subject, Crop Mgmt. Pro team: 76'ers; Idol: Calvin Murphy. "I cannot remember having coached a person that has had a more positive influence on our team than Chris Hollis. Players at all levels could pattern their lives after Ski; they would produce so much more." He is the son of William and Shirley Hollis of rural Otterbein.



FG% .429, Rebs. 15,
PPG 2.1, 7 games

Greg Manjak, 5'11" Jr. Forward. 2 year football letterman; favorite school subject—Computer Math; hobbies: sports, fishing. Favorite pro team and player: Celtics, Larry Bird. "Greg has most probably the best execution of basketball skill of our players when he realizes that he is as solid a player as any other and begins to express himself more on court, he will contribute much more to his team." He is the son of Bill and Carole Manjak of Fowler.



FG% .417, Rebs. 22, FT% .700,
PPG 5.4, 10 games

Doug Moore, 6'1" Sr. Forward. 3 year football letterman (all conf. as a Junior). Basketball letterman, Band, Voc. Plan—farming, FFA, 4-H. College choice, Purdue to study Agriculture. Favorite pro team: Pacers and his idol is Paul Westphal of Seattle. "Doug's ability to know himself, and to know his strengths and needed areas of improvement make him so effective for our ball club. Don't give this player the corner shot." Doug's parents are Dick and Mary Moore of rural Otterbein.



FG% .400, Rebs. 21, 9 games

Tony Nichols, 6'1" Jr. Past Winner Player Football Letterman. Hobbies: Basketball, Football. Favorite subject—History. College choice—Ball State to study business. Pro team—76'ers, idol—Darryl "Gorilla Dunk" Dawkins. Nickname—"Nick." "Tony has had to play a role that most teams would not ask of a player—that of a pivot man at 6'1". He must rely on his strength and floor position to be effective. He has kept working and hoped to get lots more playing time. His parents are Larry and Sandy Nichols of Otterbein.



FG% .362, FT% .762, R-S 19,
Asst. 25, PPG. 5.0, 10 games

Mike McKinney, 5'9½" Sr. Backcourt player. 1980 All Conf. Baseball, 1981 Football All Conf., All Academic, All-State Football nominee, Football Scholarship award, MVP. OFF. Back, 1981 All Sectional Baseball, All Regional, All Semi-State. Hobbies: Drag racing, music. National Honor Soc. College choice: Miss. State or Kentucky to study Electrical Eng., Technology. Favorite pro team: 76'ers; player: Calvin Murphy. Class Rank—8th. "Every Coach must look for in his program for a defensive specialist, and we have found one in this young man. Most fans notice the box score of a game, which does not reflect the total contribution that a player makes to his team. Mike is one of the quickest players I have ever coached. His backcourt leadership and court awareness is outstanding." Mike's parents are Rolland and Alice McKinney of Otterbein.



FG% .655 Rebs. 24, R-S 31, Assts. 56
PPG 11.4, 10 games

Brad Reynolds, 6'0", Sr. Guard, 3 yr. tennis letterman—MVP, Basketball letterman. Our assist leader, our rec. and steals leader. Favorite subject—Psychology. Pro team: Boston; player: Larry Bird. "When the young players in our program look to an example of what desire and dedication to this game of basketball can do for them—look to Brad Reynolds. We have lost count of the hours spent by this player in his effort to improve his game and become a college point guard prospect. Our teams have produced no better penetrator and unselfish player. When he drives for the bucket, be ready to score from his assists. Brad's parents are Mike and Diana Reynolds of Oxford.

MEET THE COACHES

VARISITY COACH — JAN CONNER



Jan Conner serves her fifth season as the girls' Head Basketball Coach at B. C. this winter. The Benton Central graduate and Otterbein native was named to the post in August of 1977. Jan is a graduate of Indiana State with a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education.

Jan came to B. C. after coaching basketball and track at Warren Central (Indianapolis) for two years, where she won one sectional and two conference titles in Basketball, while winning two conference titles in track. Coach Conner's overall record in basketball now stands at 116-20. Her Benton Central teams have won four sectional titles and two regional titles with last season's team being honored as number one in the state rankings most of the season and losing to Chesterton in the final game of the Semi-State.

Jan is serving her third year on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, the Indiana High School Coaches Association, and the Chairman of the Women's Basketball Coaches.

ASSISTANT COACH — BETH BURLEY



Beth Burley is a graduate of Pioneer High School where she participated in volleyball and basketball. She was MVP in those sports her senior year.

She graduated from Purdue University in December after student teaching at Benton Central in Physical Education.

Beth majored in Physical Education and minored in Social Studies and Drivers' Education. While at Purdue, Beth coached the Klondike 7th grade girl's basketball team in 1979-80 and the Central Catholic J.V. team in 1980-81.

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TAMMY MASON

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Ora Doyle.
 Class: Senior. Games: 19.
 Height: 5'4". PPG: 22.
 Rebounds: 7.2. Steals: 53.
 FT%: .658. FG%: .337.



MICHELLE SPROWL

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Willard Sprowl.
 Class: Senior. Games: 19.
 Height: 5'4". PPG: 9.3.
 Assists: 79. Steals: 26.
 FT%: .597. FG%: .415.



JANET GOETZ

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Branson Goetz.
 Class: Senior. Games: 19.
 Height: 6'. PPG: 5.3.
 Rebounds: 6.5. Steals: 18.
 FT%: .238. FG%: .364.



DEE PENCE

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pence.
 Class: Senior. Games: 7.
 Height: 5'7". PPG: 2.7.
 Rebounds: 3.0. FT%: .333.
 FG%: .275



HOLLY SHEPARD

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Shepard.
 Class: Senior. Games: 18.
 Height: 5'9". PPG: 4.5.
 Rebounds: 3.7. FT%: .400.
 FG%: .409



MARSHA PETERSON

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Peterson.
 Class: Senior. Games: 5.
 Height: 6'2". PPG: .0.



SUZANNE PYLE

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pyle.
 Class: Junior. Games: 10.
 Height: 5'7".
 PPG: 12.0
 Rebounds: 6.5



JOYCE GOETZ

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Branson Goetz.
 Class: Sophomore. Games: 7.
 Height: 5'8". PPG: 2.4.
 Rebounds: 3.2. FT%: .333.
 FG%: .437.



MITZI GOBEL

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gobel.
 Class: Junior. Games: 13.
 Height: 5'. PPG: 6.
 FT%: .571.
 FG%: .287.



LORI WINDLER

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Windler.
 Class: Junior. Games: 16.
 Height: 5'8". PPG: .8.
 Rebounds: 1.5. Steals: 3.
 FT%: .416. FG%: .400.



KATE SILAVS

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. George Silavs.
 Class: Sophomore. Games: 19.
 Height: 5'11". PPG: 2.5.
 Rebounds: 4.3. Steals: 10.
 FT%: .454. FG%: .326.



JAYNE WEBER

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. John Weber
 Class: Junior. Games: 19.
 Height: 5'3". PPG: 1.5.
 Rebounds: 3.1. Steals: 16.
 FT%: .387. FG%: .243.

BISON JUNIOR VARSITY



ROW 1: Keven Shoults, Bill Brummet, Chris Hollis, Jeff Kult, Tim Walter, Jim Stacey
 ROW 2: Tom Bramer, Denny Molter, John Butler, Robbie Humm, Tim Deno, Nick Brost, Doug Phillips



Left to right: Denise Sondgeroth, Shelly Hill, Marsha Deno, Amy Brouillette, Janet Dwenger, Joyce Goetz, Shelli Allen, Christy Bosler, Lori Skinner, Linda Guard, Dot Sharp.

BISON FRESHMAN TEAMS



ROW 1: K. Krebs, J. Smith, T. Deckard, C. Fishbach, C. Schwartz.
 ROW 2: T. Johnson, K. Windler, J. Best, T. Gobel, G. DeBruicker, T. Ringle, G. Hall, Coach N. Bane.
 ROW 3: B. Gaines, N. Wolford, P. Klemme, C. Martin, B. Teller, R. Glick, J. Burton, J. Reifel, M. Anderson.



Coach Nelson Bane is starting his 7th year at the helm of the Frosh and has a record of 82 and 26. Coach Bane is a graduate of Oxford High School and Indiana State University. He began his coaching career at Boswell Elementary School and then coached football and basketball at Seeger High School. Coach Bane is also the freshman football coach. Coach Bane and his wife Judy live in Oxford and have a daughter Alisha who is 9 years old. Alisha attends Oxford Elementary School as a 4th grader. She is a very talented little girl, and her twirling and strutting performances have won her wide acclaim.



ROW 1: T. Metzinger, D. Molter, S. Martin, W. Redinbo, A. Barrett.
 ROW 2: Coach T. Luenberger, K. Deno, J. Johnson, C. Kult, L. Sproull, J. McMurtrie.
 ROW 3: K. McCormick, B. Sondgerath, D. Shidler, A. Holsher.



Coach Ted Luenberger has moved from the 7th grade team to the 8th and 9th grades. Ted's teams have always done very well and this year's team is currently on top of their conference.

BISON EIGHTH GRADE



ROW 1: E. Nichols, J. Van Schepen, A. Myers, C. Barnett, D. Brummett.
ROW 2: Coach L. Miller, C. Barrett, K. Shultz, M. Rosenbarger, S. Tinsman, D. Datzman, M. Velli, Coach J. Donaldson.
ROW 3: D. Klemme, C. Lamie, C. Dowell, B. Quinlisk, B. Gilliland, T. Kyle, T. Bacon.
ROW 4: E. Cyr, K. Brown, T. Chrisman, B. Ford, R. Garrison, B. Ladd, D. Janssen.

Coach Donaldson brings 23 years of coaching experience to Bison coaching staff. These years have been highlighted by a great coaching record and many tournament victories. A graduate of Vincennes High School, Jack has degrees from Oakland City College and Indiana State University. Before teaching junior high math and coaching at BC, Coach Donaldson taught and coached at Kentland, Raub, and Ambia.

He and his wife Dorothy live near Fowler. They are the parents of sons Lee, Paul, Sam, and daughters Jewel and Joyce (Mrs. Keith Clute), and have two grandchildren.

Coach Larry Miller graduated from Purdue University in 1974 and moved to Kendallville, Indiana where he taught and coached at East Noble High School. During his tenure at East Noble he coached football, track, and wrestling. In 1977 he also filled in for the freshman basketball coach whose son was critically ill.

As head track coach 1978-79 Larry compiled a career victory mark of 80%. Many of Miller's tracksters are currently running at the college level and last year one of his fledglings competed and scored in the state meet.

Larry and his wife Christy have one son, Grant, who just turned one. Christy teaches at Tri County and they live at R.R. 1 in Fowler.



Front row: A. Kozloski, Coach D. Dimmich and son.
Left to right: C. Moyars, S. Etter, C. Johnson, D. Foster, A. Goodman, K. Ruemler, C. Synesael, J. Hubertz, K. Gick, K. Thomes, J. Scott, B. Atha, M. Budreau, B. Ward.



Coach Dave Dimmich is serving his first year as 8th grade coach. His teams have been knocking off all others by very wide margins. Dave stresses a fast break style.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL MANAGERS
Kathy Archer Caryn Dalton



BOYS' BASKETBALL MANAGERS
Ralph Hardebeck, Mark Ragan, Rod Wealing, Bob Quinlisk



BOYS' VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
Mary Jane Nichols, Tim Balensiefer, Robin Goodman, Chris Oneal, Lisa Goodman, Jim Gerlach, Christy Hess, Bruce Sigman, Denice Oneal, Bill Leuck.



GIRLS' VARSITY & JV CHEERLEADERS
Front: Mimi Ripberger, Lee Brouillette, Kim Nelson.
Back: Connie Cackley, Cathy Ponto.



BOYS' JV CHEERLEADERS
Kim Garing, Missy McKinney, Lisa Brummet, Debbie Charlesworth, Beth Balensiefer

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Our Man Behind The Scenes



Mr. Dependable—Harry Hoover, is an assistant coach to our teams as far as we are concerned. Many hours are spent by the coaching staff grading Harry's game films. There aren't many people who would be willing to volunteer those long hours that this man spends under all kinds of adverse conditions to the dedication of our basketball program. "We cannot thank you enough, Harry."

Mr. Hoover and his wife, Terry, have two sons, Lloyd and Roger, and they reside in Earl Park.

THE "BAND MAN"



Rick Kirkham's musical originality and creativeness, along with his dedication to the fine arts at Benton Central make him quite a unique person. He and his pep band generate the spirit that helps make our ball clubs go.

A Fowler High School graduate, Rick was band director at South Newton for nine years before returning to Benton County to lead the Bison Bands.

Rick and his wife, Brenda, live in Fowler with their two sons, Greg and Paul and a daughter, Krista.

OUR "STAT" MEN



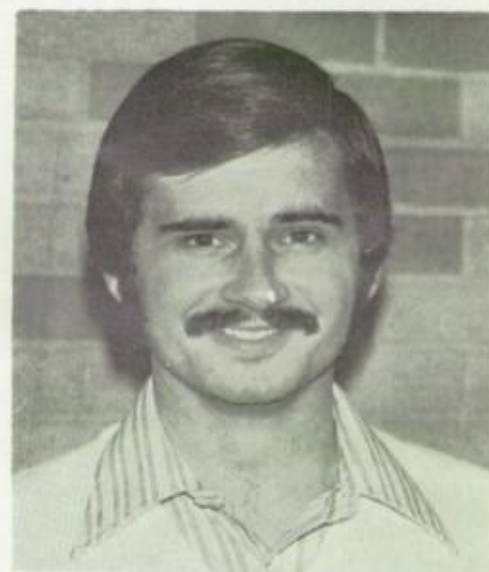
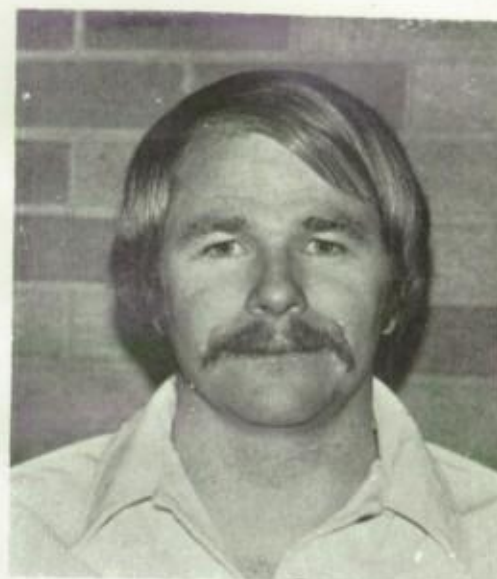
BISON SEVENTH GRADE



ROW 1: S. Schirm, K. Pilotte, B. Sondgerath, K. Brost, D. Thompson, K. Fell.
 ROW 2: S. Reynolds, S. Etter, J. Dutton, E. Teller, T. Boehm, P. Hollis, T. Doyle.
 ROW 3: Coach S. Mikel, A. Stacy, C. Senesac, J. Kirsch, J. Dixon, M. Underwood, B. Schmidt, Coach M. Cain.
 ROW 4: M. Simmons, D. Barrett, S. Minier, S. Schroeder, Y. Acton, S. Ade, W. Carmony, C. Puetz.

Russ Mikel is beginning his fourth year as the head coach for the 7th grade after serving as assistant one year. Russ is a graduate of Wawasee High School and Purdue University and teaches Health and Science in the Jr. High School. He and his wife Pat have three children and live in Oxford. Russ also coaches 7th grade football for the Bison.

Mike Cain, the seventh grade assistant coach, is no stranger to the Bison program, having taught for 9 years and coached for 6 years at BC. Mike is unmarried and farms in his spare time.



ROW 1: C. Shoemaker (Mgr.), A. Sondgeroth, P. Foster, L. Windler, K. Garriott, C. Budreau, M. Krug, D. Gick, K. Happ (Mgr.).
 ROW 2: Coach K. Besuden, S. Bird, L. Sondgeroth, S. Meece, S. Richey, D. Molter, K. Watson, A. Ade, S. Garriott, Coach G. Lange.
 ROW 3: S. Gall, H. Little, C. Hamelman, L. Deno, T. Balser, L. Hickman, A. Goodman, J. Anderson.



Gail Lange is serving her 3rd year as 7th grade coach. This is quite a task as she has 2 teams at that level. She stresses discipline and her teams have been very successful.

ELEMENTARY TEAMS

Boswell Blackhawks



FIFTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: B. Komara, S. Brenner, M. Trueblood, J. Sondgeroth, T. Tolen. ROW 2: Coach Brooks, D. LeLoup, R. Lynch, R. Church, R. Whistler. Not Pictured: M. Shockey



FIFTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: A. Courtney, C. Garcia, T. Burton, K. Ford. ROW 2: D. Anderson, S. Anderson, M. Perkins, Coach Weigand



CHEERLEADERS

S. Gall, B. Shamp, K. Cline, B. Ransom, K. Gall.

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SIXTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: C. Clifton, D. Dalton, M. Perkins, J. Weber, R. McIntyre. ROW 2: J. Hahn, T. Hahn, M. Anderson, Coach Brooks. ROW 3: T. Garcia, J. Phillips, D. O'Neil, D. Bowman.



SIXTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: Y. Cantu, R. Kochell, S. Gall, H. Witt, A. Shultz. ROW 2: M. Cooper, M. Sharp, L. Senesac, C. Davis, B. Ransom. ROW 3: J. Scolley, D. Greenberg, T. Fry, Coach Weigand. Absent C. Huber.

Otterbein Red Devils



FIFTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: C. Waber, E. Hawkins, H. Carmony, S. Gephart, A. Larsen. ROW 2: J. Troxel, D. Sillings, C. Royal, E. Brummet, C. Allen, K. Moore, B. Underwood, Coach Feemster. ROW 3: H. Johnson, M. Taylor, K. Kretzmeier, R. Maris, T. Kuhns, K. Kottkamp, J. Snethen. ROW 4: J. Brummet, S. Bryan, S. Asher, C. Durlinger, D. Muller, J. Roudebush, S. Arman, S. Brooks.



FIFTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: J. Elston, A. Lake, S. Hinckley, M. Carter, W. Greives, S. Warren, J. Elston, Coach Scott. ROW 2: E. Hawkins, C. Waber, A. Larson, T. Walters, B. Charlesworth, J. Spikes, T. Humm, C. Toops, K. Cox, M. Shanklin. ROW 3: D. Dunwoody, K. Boehm, S. Gephart, C. Wiggs, T. Shanklin, T. Westfall, H. Christopher, B. Russell, T. Delaney.



SIXTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: T. Ladd, S. Charlesworth, A. Wolverton, T. Heiman, K. Ruemler. ROW 2: N. Gick, S. Gaines, M. Harvey, B. Ford, D. York, Coach Feemster. ROW 3: B. Spikes, T. Coffelt, C. Steiner, J. Phillips, P. Greives, D. Brown. ROW 4: B. Buck, B. Vorst, R. Daulton, R. Logan, M. Goldschmidt, M. Brown.



SIXTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: K. Ruemler, M. Carter, T. Mathis, T. Heiman, A. Eberle, L. Long. ROW 2: B. Johnston, T. Ladd, T. Shockey, S. Metzinger, K. Eberle, T. Shelton, S. Foster. ROW 3: G. Hampton, T. Stacey, J. Ade, S. Charlesworth, M. Janssen, M. Butz, P. Payne.

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ROW 2: J. Etter, T. Morris, M. Vandevier, M. Hale, T. Volpi, C. Bice, A. Schofield. ROW 3: R. Campbell, K. Etter, G. Morris, M. DeBruicker, B. Burge, M. Shoemaker, B. Barnard. ROW 4: Coach Johnson, K. Shoults, M. Oliphant, S. Schoo, P. Doyle, B. Arnold, K. Rasmussen



FIFTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: D. Kinney, G. Butler, C. Plummer, M. DeWitt, J. Muller, A. Schoo. ROW 2: Coach Johnson, C. Carden, M. Kinney, J. Leinberger, T. Meredith, N. Rolan, D. Meihls.



SIXTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: C. Dwenger, J. Dixon, J. Moyars, A. Gaines. ROW 2: S. Barrett, W. Deno, J. Vanderhoff, L. Morris, M. Hull. ROW 3: L. Lord, B. Brost, T. Smith, S. Gobel, Coach Johnson.



SIXTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: C. Dwenger, C. Jean, K. Watson, K. Fell. ROW 2: Coach Johnson, J. Moyars, A. Gaines, J. Dixon.

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ROW 1: G. Benner, J. Strasberger, M. Smith, T. Schwartz, J. Deno, C. Hardebeck. ROW 2: L. Gick, J. Wagner, D. Granlund, M. Donahue, B. Windler, B. Benedict, M. Windler. ROW 3: T. Budreau, D. Gick, D. Ponto, R. Haynes.



FIFTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: D. Cyr, K. Illingworth, C. Sherer, M. Metzinger. ROW 2: S. Cyr, A. Parker, S. Klemme, T. Berry, V. Leuck. ROW 3: Coach Metzinger, Coach Deckard.



SIXTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: J. Hardebeck, S. Schroder, C. Krick, M. Schwartz, R. Geswein. Absent: B. Thomes, M. Kidwell.



SIXTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: E. Puetz, A. Illingworth, K. Brost, K. Kirkham. ROW 2: Coach Metzinger, S. Condon, J. Hasser, J. Budreau, Coach Deckard.

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FIFTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: M. McKinney (Student Mgr.), J. Bixler, M. Davis, T. Stinson, S. Hall, L. Varnado. ROW 2: B. Manjak, K. Williams, D. Mounce, D. Munson, B. Matson, T. Schluttenhoffer. ROW 3: J. Johns, D. Wilcoxson, B. Courtney, S. Geswein, J. Vanderwal, B. Hamilton.



FIFTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: M. Ballard, K. Deno, P. Jessie, L. Whitus. ROW 2: B. McDannel, J. Hill, V. Gaylord. Absent: A. Krick.



SIXTH GRADE BOYS

ROW 1: M. McKinney (Student Mgr.), T. Deno, C. Patton, T. Logan, S. McDannel, A. Cassel, D. Washburn. ROW 2: M. Benner, S. Donaldson, D. Sallee, M. Gaylord, T. Muller, J. Herriott.



SIXTH GRADE GIRLS

ROW 1: M. Gick, M. Christensen, R. Burke. ROW 2: M. Duncan, S. Boundy, S. Herre, C. Gick, T. Everly. ROW 3: C. Flynn, A. Knowles, B. Hislope, M. Crain.



Mrs. Claudia Zuege — Girl's Sports Director.

Mrs. Zuege not only is the Girl's Sports Director but also the girl's golf coach. She coached the B.C. Track team until 1978. Her teams won the State G.A.A. title 2 years in a row in 1968-1970.

BILL OVERHOLSER:

Voice of the Bison

For the 14th straight season, Bill Overholser will be the voice of the Bison Basketball Teams. Bill's WGFA radio station has extended its broadcasting tower to a height where our games can be heard for many miles. This man not only is the official statistician for all records that are eligible to be set, but he spends many hours with the coaches helping to scout our opponents. "We have depended on Bill's work for so long that there would be no way to replace this helper and friend. There is one thing for certain; some people do not always agree with Bill's opinions or comments (coaches included), but he is sincere and forever loyal to our athletes."

Bill is presently employed with AAA and still enjoys traveling around the country in his work with the United States Auto Club.

Bill and his wife Dode are the parents of sons, Mike, Larry and Todd (a Senior footballer), and daughters, Linda, Deb, and Mary. The Overholser's live in Fowler. "Thanks much, Billy O."



SO YOU WANT TO BE A BISON!

Coach Walter conducted his second Bison Summer Clinic this past summer with over one hundred boys in attendance. During the two weeks of camp, future Bison players are taught the skills for the Bison Ladder of Success. Many contests are held and awards given. "Basketball players are made during the off season!"



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